

Meeting of Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Committee

Members: Councillors Andrew Timothy, Monika Slater (Chair), Chris Aldred, Philip Broadbank, Sam Gibbs, Hannah Gostlow, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, Peter Lacey (Vice-Chair), John Mann, Mike Schofield, Matt Walker and Robert Windass.

Date: Thursday, 20 March 2025

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Centre, St Luke's Avenue, Harrogate, HG1 2AE

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AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 28 November 2024** (Pages 5 - 14)
To confirm the minutes as a correct record, and for the Chair to sign them.
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
All Members are invited to declare at this point any interests they have in items appearing on this agenda, including the nature of those interests.

4. Public Participation

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5. Harrogate and Knaresborough Youth Councils

To receive a mutual update on projects and activities, and an opportunity for the Youth Councils to comment on other relevant agenda items.

6. Children and Young People's Services - Schools Performance Update (Pages 15 - 34)

To receive an update on the performance of schools in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area.

7. Local Nature Recovery Strategy (Pages 35 - 38)

To update members with progress on the North Yorkshire and York Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), since spring 2024 and in advance of the six-week statutory public consultation scheduled to start from late May 2025.

8. Active Travel Updates (Pages 39 - 52)

To advise the committee of progress to date on the delivery of active travel schemes within Harrogate and Knaresborough.

9. Committee Work Programme (Pages 53 - 66)

- a) to ask Members to consider the Committee's work programme and amend it as required.
- b) to inform Members and the public of work undertaken since the last Committee meeting, including informal meetings and working group sessions.
- c) to inform Members of progress made on issues raised during and since the last Committee meeting.

10. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 5 June 2025, at 10:00, in the Council Chamber, Harrogate Civic Centre, St Luke's Avenue, Harrogate, HG1 2AE.

11. Reports Circulated for Information Only

11.1 Results of the Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey - Harrogate (Pages 67 - 84) 2024

Report of the School Improvement Service.

11.2 Resilience and Emergencies Update (Pages 85 - 90)

Report of the Resilience and Emergencies Team.

Barry Khan
Assistant Chief Executive
(Legal and Democratic Services)

County Hall
Northallerton

Wednesday, 12 March 2025

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North Yorkshire Council

Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Committee

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 28 November 2024 commencing at 10.00 am at Harrogate Civic Centre.

Present: Councillors Andrew Timothy, Chris Aldred, Philip Broadbank, Sam Gibbs, Hannah Gostlow, Michael Harrison, Paul Haslam, John Mann, Mike Schofield, Matt Walker, Robert Windass, George Jabbour and Carl Les.

In attendance: Councillors George Jabbour and Carl Les OBE.

Officers present: Karl Battersby (Corporate Director – Environment), Sean Berry (Head of Sustainability and Environment), Melissa Burnham (Area Manager, Highways and Transportation), Marcin Dane (Principal Regeneration Officer), Dawn Drury (Democratic Services Officer) Edward Maxwell (Senior Democratic Services Officer), Julia Slack (Community Safety and CCTV Manager), John Ward Campbell (Climate Change Business Partner), and Heather Yendall (Highways Improvement Manager).

Other Attendees: Claire Campbell, Martin Christmas, and Jamie Duncan (Environment Agency), Emma Edgar, Charlotte Gill, and Gemma O’Neil (Yorkshire and Humber ICB), Nathan Lawson and Sarah Robinson (Yorkshire Water), Tim Larner, Jemima Parker, and Sunita Soundur (Zero Carbon Harrogate).

Apologies: Councillor Peter Lacey (present virtually).

Copies of all documents considered are in the Minute Book

89 Election of Chairperson

The committee Chair, Cllr Slater, was present but unable to chair the meeting, and Cllr Lacey, the Vice-Chair, had given his apologies and was attending virtually. Therefore nominations were sought from the floor to appoint a temporary chair for the duration of this meeting only.

Resolved:

That Cllr Chris Aldred be appointed to the Chair for the duration of this meeting.

Cllr Chris Aldred in the Chair.

90 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Peter Lacey, who was in attendance virtually.

91 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 September 2024

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2024, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

92 Declarations of Interest

Declarations of interest were made as follows:

Councillor Slater at Minute 95, as the Office Manager of Tom Gordon MP, MP for Harrogate and Knaresborough.

Councillor Harrison at Minute 96, as a partner member of the Humber and North Yorkshire Integrated Care Board, and Councillor Walker as an employee of NHS England.

Councillors Gostlow and Walker at Minute 100, as members of Knaresborough Town Council.

93 Public Participation

Three public statements had been submitted:

- By Jenny Marks and Ruth Lily, in relation to Minute 94 (read by Gia Margolis).
- By Victoria Helmore, in relation to Minute 94.
- By Hazel Peacock, in relation to Minute 94.

As Victoria Helmore had been unable to attend the meeting, she was provided with a written response following the conclusion of the meeting.

Statement submitted by Jenny Marks and Ruth Lily

It took a great deal of effort from our campaign, and strong calls from Headteachers, the public and this committee, to get to the point where North Yorkshire Council committed to delivering a 20mph zone in the Pannal Ash and Oatlands area. When this was agreed in December 2023, and announced in the press by Cllr. Keane Duncan as a 'landmark scheme', the delivery phase was begun. At this point we, and the community, felt confident of NYC's commitment to the project and its timely delivery. We trusted that officers would implement the scheme as promised in the 24/25 financial year. Nearly one year on, however, and our trust and confidence have waned. Nothing tangible has been delivered, there have been no changes made on the ground, and the results of public consultation on traffic calming on Pannal Ash Road and Green Lane have been 'set aside', despite broad community support. Timescales and priorities have shifted considerably, and there has been a lack of transparent process and communication. It again feels like we are having to work very hard to call for delivery. Delays and re-consultation pose a reputational risk to NYC, and more importantly a continued safety risk to the community.

NYC have now decided to prioritise delivery of 20mph on streets where speeds are already below 24mph, and so where traffic calming is not needed. NYC has stated that this will deliver 90% of the 20mph zone. However, these are the roads where speeds are already lower, and which are less heavily used by children (who congregate in the largest numbers on the key central roads where traffic calming infrastructure is needed). Changing the speed limit on the signed-only roads will have least impact upon children's safety, and without inclusion of the key, central roads, the impact of the whole scheme will be considerably weakened. So, whilst in terms of length the scheme might be 90% delivered, its impact will fall far short of this. Furthermore, shifting the limited staff resource onto delivering signed-only roads will take their time away from the key central roads, thus delaying their implementation still more. Our view is that the central roads should be given highest priority as these will make most difference to safety.

The extensive urban expansion on the West of Harrogate will put additional pressure on roads in the area, which is already heavily congested. Measures proposed to mitigate for the increase in traffic caused by this development currently centre mainly around allowing increased flow of traffic through junctions. Proposed active travel infrastructure is limited. A new 'spine road' between Whinney Lane and Lady Lane will take traffic from more than 900 new houses, as well as an 80ha 'employment' zone. This is likely to mean in excess of 500 vehicles per peak hour travelling on Whinney Lane, which leads directly into the 20mph zone and onto roads used by 5000 school children, and which have already been identified as needing traffic calming. Development is continuing at pace with heavy vehicles using these roads and houses being built and occupied. Pressure of traffic is mounting, and our communities are being put at greater risk. This development increases the need for a fully implemented 20mph zone in South and West Harrogate, and yet this implementation is not being treated with urgency by NYC.

All of this calls into question NYC's commitment to the timely and complete implementation of the 20 mph scheme.

- To make our children and communities safer and healthier, we want:
- The 20mph zone to be implemented as soon as possible and in full, with priority given to the roads with most risk attached: those with speeds over 24 mph and high numbers of schoolchildren.
- Traffic calming and change of speed limit on the faster roads to be recognised as key to the successful delivery of the scheme, and to be prioritised accordingly.
- Hookstone Drive and Hookstone Road to be part of the 20mph zone.
- Opportunities to improve infrastructure for active travel and reduce traffic to be taken and used to their fullest extent to help mitigate the effects of massive urban expansion.

Our question is: Can the senior leadership team at NYC demonstrate that they are putting their weight behind the full and timely delivery of the 20mph scheme, resourcing and prioritising it properly?

The following response was read out from Heather Yendall (Improvement Manager, Highways and Transportation), and provided in writing following the conclusion of the meeting.

The delivery of any change in speed limit is dependent on the outcome of a Traffic Regulation Order and timescales on this can vary due to the complexity of the proposal or what is received during consultation. Additionally, some streets require traffic calming and thus require informal consultation prior to any formal advertisement to ensure the community and key stakeholders are supportive of proposals.

Officers have shared the timeline in the report for implementing the previously agreed 20mph limits in the area for both signed only streets and those streets requiring calming. Members have previously received this information and the reasons why the delivery has been split into two stages. Officers are committed to providing the best solution with the necessary measures to reduce speeds so the community is left with compliant speed limits in the areas proposed for installation.

Statement submitted by Hazel Peacock

The inclusion of Hookstone Road and Hookstone Drive in the 20mph scheme for south and west Harrogate is a question of priorities and political will.

We ask the committee to support their inclusion and to urge decision makers Councillors Les, Duncan and Chief Executive Richard Flinton to prioritise child and community safety with the implementation of the full 20mph scheme and inclusion of these two roads without delay.

We urge members to request a full EQIA to assess the impacts of 20mph vs 30mph for those with protected characteristics (including Age, pregnancy and disability) considering both the positive and negative impacts, as is the Public Sector Duty outlined in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

The options appraisal report appears to have serious factual omissions; it does not follow LGA government guidelines and discounts the safety risks flagged in the EQIA for pedestrians.

The EQIA screening form states “as no change to the current speed limit of 30mph is proposed officers are not making anything worse by altering the status quo”. This “do nothing approach” and shirking of responsibility is more than questionable particularly considering the collision on 17th January at school pick up time which resulted in the serious injury of a pedestrian, which, it could be argued along with several of the other collisions listed, could have been avoided or reduced in severity through lower speeds.

Significantly, the views and repeated concerns of all stakeholders including 13 local head teachers, community and residents, 900 petition signatories and the local member Cllr Mann’s application in 2023 are ignored in the report as well as the statements submitted to officers in April 2024 following a site visit where they acknowledged the safety issues.

The pinch point acknowledged in the EQIA is a footpath by Crimple Beck Bridge 109cm in width (which doesn’t meet standard) where there is a footpath on one side of the road only so narrow it forces pupils and other pedestrians into the road which is used by buses, HGVs and cars. It is also an issue at Rayleigh Road. The risks posed and the protected characteristics of its users warrant a full EQIA. No signage is in place as the report suggests.

The options appraisal report does not appear to follow the process outlined in HMT and the Local Government Association workbook for Option Appraisals, which states it’s a technique for reviewing options and analysing the costs and benefits of each and ensuring informed decision making by ensuring a process that requires key objectives are identified and the different ways they can be achieved described, and, that, the pros and cons of options are to be considered in terms of the financial and non –financial. The NYC report does not follow this process.

Substantial features of the roads are also omitted in the report, with no mention of Oatlands Infant School and Junior Schools (attended by over 500 pupils aged 4 – 11) or St Aidan’s Secondary School (both roads are key routes for pupils, their families and staff). Neither is there mention of the 893 passengers who use Hornbeam Park Train Station each day (many of whom are school pupils) nor the 23,000 customers of the largest standalone M&S Food Hall in the UK each week. The features and characteristics of the roads are a key consideration.

The decision making for Hookstone Road being made on less than one week of speed and flow data during a “non neutral month” (December) without any seasonal adjustment factors as is practice is also questionable.

Vehicles not people are being prioritised and the safety, needs and wants of the community ignored. The delay of the 20mph scheme and rejection of 20mph on

Hookstone Road and Drive puts the safety of children and the wider community at continued serious risk. We urge members to call for the inclusion of Hookstone Road and Hookstone Drive as 20mph.

The following response was read out from Heather Yendall (Improvement Manager, Highways and Transportation), and provided in writing following the conclusion of the meeting.

As outlined in the report, Hookstone Drive and Hookstone Road do not meet the requirements of North Yorkshire's Policy for implementing a 20mph speed limit. Officers enact the policy set by Members. The roads in question serve a key function in the overall network hierarchy accommodating high vehicle volumes and provide a key link between Wetherby Road and Leeds Road, two major arterial routes in and out of Harrogate.

There will be an opportunity for further review of the route in question in line with a county wide review of speed limits. If there has been any change in behaviour on this route as a result of developments or other projects being implemented in the area, then this gives a further opportunity for the consideration of any potential reduction in speed limit.

At this time a full Equality Impact Assessment is not required for the context of this report, the report has assessed the existing situation but is not proposing any change to this Area as part of this report. The report is for information only, with a recommendation to note the information.

94 Options Appraisal for 20 mph Request on Hookstone Road and Hookstone Drive, Harrogate

Heather Yendall (Improvement Manager) presented a report outlining the options which had been considered by Officers following a request from the May 2024 meeting, to carry out an options appraisal into whether a 20mph speed limit could be implemented on Hookstone Road and Hookstone Drive in Harrogate.

The report outlined that, under the existing 20mph policy, a reduction for Hookstone Road and Hookstone Drive was not proposed, and it was proposed that Officers instead focus on delivery of the wider scheme in Harrogate. Following the implementation of this scheme, a future review could then be carried out to take account of the changes in traffic patterns and determine whether a change on Hookstone Road and Hookstone Drive might be appropriate.

Members discussed the report and highlighted the need for better communication of the risks of excessive speed, particularly around high-risk areas such as schools and busy pedestrian areas. The existing work of voluntary and community organisations to educate and inform drivers was acknowledged, and the importance of communicating effectively given the high use of private cars by residents, and the high proportion of journeys which both began and ended in Harrogate, was also considered. Given these patterns, it was suggested that campaigns which focussed on local workplaces might have a higher impact.

While members felt that there were specific areas of Harrogate which still required a 20mph zone, for which there was public support, it was recognised that the existing policy needed time to be implemented and there would be opportunities to give specific feedback at future policy reviews.

Resolved:

- a) That a public information campaign be explored, to educate drivers around the

risks of speeding in high-risk areas.

- b) That the report be noted.

95 Local Community Safety Update

Julia Slack (Community Safety and CCTV Manager) presented a report updating the committee on Community Safety Hubs, CCTV, and the wider strategic Community Safety Partnership work.

The committee discussed the future attendance of North Yorkshire Police (NY, including the frequency of attendance and what information members would require from such visits. It was suggested that an annual joint update, including the Community Safety Team and an NYP officer, would be appropriate and could cover a discussion of annual crime statistics for the area. This would allow for detailed scrutiny and local questions which might not otherwise be appropriate for senior officers to answer at Police, Fire, and Crime Panel.

Members also raised several specific areas of concern including anti-social behaviour and Knaresborough Castle, and the loss of CCTV at Knaresborough House. The challenges with securing funding for CCTV as a non-statutory service were discussed, against a backdrop of rising costs and a continuing need for investment. While some grant funding was likely to be available as part of York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority grant schemes, these would be short-term and limited to specific projects, meaning they would not provide stability and funding for schemes to support the nighttime economy.

Resolved: That:

- a) The report be noted.
- b) That the committee suggest annual joint attendance with NYP and the Community Safety team, and request that following feedback from the other Area Committees, this be agreed by the respective Chairs and Vice Chairs.

96 Urgent and Emergency Care in Harrogate and Knaresborough

Gemma O'Neil (Humber and North Yorkshire ICB – Deputy Director, North Yorkshire Place), Emma Edgar (), and Charlotte Gill () delivered a presentation on Urgent and Emergency care pathways in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area. The presentation set out the local ambition of delivering the right care at the right time, avoiding unnecessary hospital attendances and admissions. This included work on avoiding admissions, optimising in-hospital patient care and flow, and effective discharge processes to ensure safe departure from hospital and into onward care. The rising demand and complexity of care was highlighted, along with positive indicators of system health and performance for Harrogate District Hospital.

Members thanked the attendees for their work contributing to the positive picture, and the time taken to deliver the presentation to the committee. The committee discussed the stroke care pathway, which was changed in 2018 to divert stroke patients to either Leeds or York. Members were informed that on 2 December, a new stroke pathway would be implemented which would divert all stroke patients to York, and agreed to attend a future meeting to discuss performance indicators for this new approach.

The approach to end of life in Harrogate was also discussed, along with the relationship between the hospital and St. Michael's Hospice in Harrogate which was close and productive, as the hospital provided clinical support for St. Micheal's, and discussions were ongoing about how this would continue and extend to the new Herriot Hospice in the former Lambert Memorial Hospital in York.

Resolved: That the presentation be noted.

97 Update on water quality of the River Nidd

Members heard a joint presentation from representatives of the Environment Agency, Yorkshire Water, and Shaun Berry (Head of Sustainability and Environment), outlining the results of the Bathing Water Quality results for the River Nidd for 2024, which had been announced on 26 November.

Following the designation of the River Nidd at the Lido, Knaresborough as a Bathing Water Status by DEFRA in May 2024, Knaresborough, samples were taken over the summer by the Environment Agency (EA). The results for the first year were Poor, with high levels of E. coli and Intestinal Enterococci. The EA's role and next steps were outlined, including the requirement to continue monitoring the site, gather more information and develop a plan to improve the quality, and communicate this to the Local Authority and the public. Potential issues which might impact the water quality were outlined for future investigation, including water company discharges, non, mains sewage from residential properties, and runoff from agricultural sites into the river.

Yorkshire Water (YW) provided a further presentation outlining the Storm Overflow Discharge Reduction Plan, where water companies would only be permitted to discharge from a storm overflow in cases where they can demonstrate there is no local adverse ecological impact. Assessing the results, YW highlighted that elevated samples in May, July, and September aligned with periods of high rainfall, and there were encouraging results on dry days with settled conditions. YW highlighted the forthcoming investment in the region of £1 billion in storm overflows planned for Asset Management Period 8, running from 2025 – 2030, and the current storm spill reduction schemes were summarised. YW highlighted the partnerships they were engaged with, including EA and NYC.

Shaun Berry (Head of Sustainability and Environment) provided additional context regarding NYC's role and actions, including ongoing work with Natural England and Yorkshire Dales River Trust to identify sources of pollution and continue to monitor the situation.

Members thanked officers from all agencies for attending the meeting at short notice and discussed the results. Agencies emphasised their commitment to work towards improving the bathing water quality at the Lido. NYC officers were requested to ensure that the signage which the LA is responsible for providing contained as much information and context as possible, within the constraints of the budget provided by DEFRA. The importance of the Local Plan was also emphasised, to ensure the wider effects of agricultural and residential development were recognised. YW agreed to provide specific feedback to members after the meeting on questions which required further research, which would be passed on to all members. The committee acknowledged the challenges which had been outlined, but asked agencies to recognise the local impact of poor water quality on the community, and the urgent need for improvement.

Resolved:

- a) That the update be noted.
- b) That a meeting of the Climate Change Working Group be convened as soon as possible before the next full committee meeting, to examine this area in further detail.

98 Climate Change Activity in the Harrogate and Knaresborough Area

John Ward-Campbell (Climate Change Business Partner) presented a report summarising the range of climate change projects currently under way in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area, and outlining the support being made available for capital and revenue projects being delivered by community groups.

Members asked about the Harrogate Car Share scheme, and how the membership and takeup could be improved. Officers reported that signage on the main routes into Harrogate was the main way of communicating the scheme, and efforts to engage with employers and highlight it for commuters had achieved positive results in the past. The total business mileage which was accumulated in staff commuting and travelling around the county, and which was reported in the 2024-25 Q2 Quarterly Performance Report was discussed. This was the first time this metric had been reported on, and officers were now monitoring from this baseline and working to reduce it in line with the commitment in the Climate Change Strategy, including by fleet decarbonisation as part of the ongoing transformation programme. Shaun Berry also commented that this figure had been incorrectly reported in the Q2 Quarterly Performance Report as being 13 million miles, but was in fact 8 million miles.

The importance of community engagement was also highlighted, and officers drew attention to the circa £1m of funding which had been made available as part of the Decarbonisation Theme of the Shared Prosperity Fund, and support had been given to Zero Carbon Harrogate, the North Yorkshire Climate Coalition, and other community groups to deliver such projects in the community. Officers also agreed to follow up and provide further specific information regarding electricity supply issues to real-time bus displays in the area, which had in some cases not been functioning for some time.

Resolved: That the update be noted.

99 Zero Carbon Harrogate Update

Tim Lerner (Vice-Chair, Zero Carbon Harrogate) presented a report outlining the activities of Zero Carbon Harrogate (ZCH), including some of the issues and challenges they currently face. The statistical base for their work was presented, which highlighted how Harrogate's emissions were above the UK average, but below North Yorkshire's. Statistics for Harrogate District's emissions for 2021 by sector showed that the largest emissions were from transport (34%), agriculture (26%), and domestic (20%). The need for a close partnership was emphasised, with ZCH looking to provide independent advice and guidance to help the area work towards reducing its emissions.

The work of the retrofit programme was discussed, including recent work to deliver training programmes to members of the construction trade. The rate of assessments which led to retrofit programmes was also discussed, with relatively few homeowners using the assessments to undertake a retrofit, and the benefits of such schemes in improving heating efficiency of residences was also highlighted, against a national backdrop of some lack of awareness of the programme. ZCH highlighted their reliance on comparatively short-term grants, which made longer-term strategic planning difficult.

Members thanked ZCH for their work and for the need to build a constructive relationship with NYC. It was agreed that ZCH would be invited to future meetings of the Climate Change Working Group to continue to develop contacts and communicate clearly on future challenges and opportunities.

Resolved: That the report be noted, and ZCH be invited to future meetings of the Climate Change Working Group.

100 Economic, Regeneration, Tourism and Transport Project Development Fund for ACs

Marcin Dane (Economic Regeneration and Development Officer) presented a report

updating the committee on projects which had previously received an allocation of funding. An updated project scoping form was also presented for the Starbeck Level Crossing Project, as further changes had been made to the project following its previous approval at the September 2024 meeting of the committee.

Resolved:

- a) That progress on the previously approved projects be noted.
- b) That the updated Project Scoping Form for the Starbeck Level Crossing Project be approved.
- c) That the updated Scoping Proformas be presented to the Corporate Director (Community Development) for the relevant projects to be funded from the Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Committee budget allocation.

101 Work Programme Report

Edward Maxwell (Senior Democratic Services Officer) presented the latest version of the committee's work programme, including items for consideration at future meetings, and an update of informal and working group meetings held since the last meeting.

Resolved: That the Work Programme be approved, subject to:

- a) Additional meetings of the Climate Change Working Group, to consider water quality and to meet with ZCH.
- b) The provision of feedback to the Community Safety and CCTV Team requesting an annual joint update alongside North Yorkshire Police, to include a presentation of annual crime statistics.
- c) That colleagues from the Harrogate District Foundation Trust be invited to return to future meetings of the AC on an annual basis.

102 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next ordinary meeting of the committee, on Thursday 20 March 2025 at 10:00 am, was noted.

The meeting concluded at 2.15 pm.

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**North Yorkshire Council
Harrogate & Knaresborough Area Committee
20 March 2025**

Schools Update Report

1.0 Purpose of the Report

1.1 To inform Members of the local educational landscape, educational achievement and the financial challenges which affect schools in the Harrogate & Knaresborough area committee.

2.0 Local educational landscape

2.1 As of 31 August 2024 there was a total of 39 schools and academies within the Harrogate and Knaresborough Committee area. The table below shows the number of schools and academies both in the County as a whole and in the area covered by the committee by school type.

Summary of schools' status – 31 August 2024

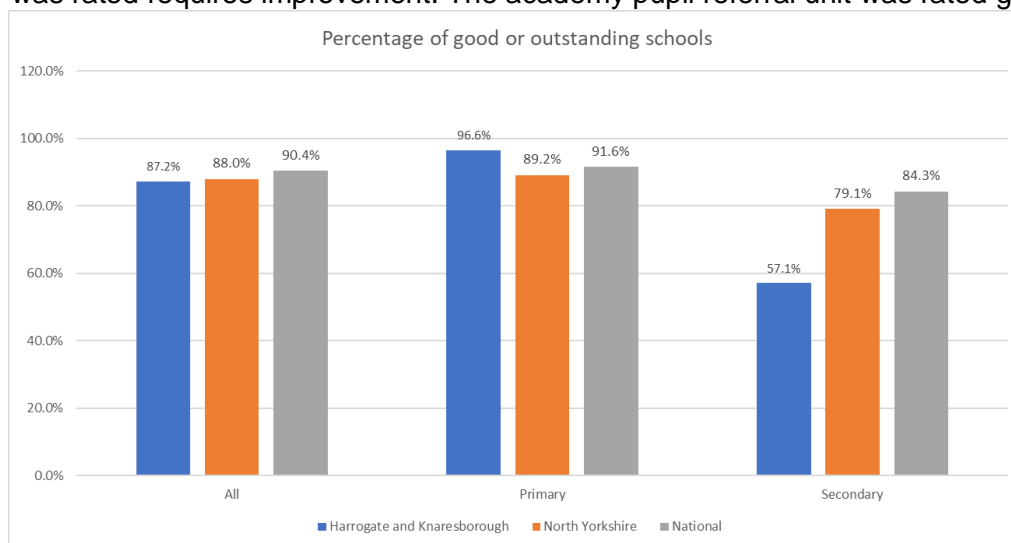
	Schools in North Yorkshire		Schools in Harrogate & Knaresborough AC	
Primary Maintained	173	58.6%	8	27.6%
Primary Academy & Free School	122	41.4%	21	72.4%
Total	295		29	
Secondary Maintained	13	30.2%	2	28.6%
Secondary Academy	30	69.8%	5	71.4%
Total	43		7	
Special Maintained	6	60%	1	50%
Special Academy	4	40%	1	50%
Total	10		2	
PRU Maintained	4	80%	0	0%
PRU Academy	1	20%	1	100%
Total	5		1	
Total maintained	196	55.5%	11	28.2%
Total Academy	157	44.5%	28	71.8%
Overall Total	353		39	

3.0 School standards

3.1 School Ofsted judgements

In the committee area, as of August 2024, 96.6% of primary schools were judged Good or Outstanding by Ofsted, which is above the North Yorkshire and National averages. In terms of secondary schools, 57.1% were judged Good or Outstanding lower than the North Yorkshire and National averages. Overall, there are 5 schools judged 'requires improvement', none are 'inadequate' in the committee area.

At the time of writing, of the two Special Schools located within the constituency area, one was judged good by Ofsted at its most recent graded inspection, and the other was rated requires improvement. The academy pupil referral unit was rated good.



100% (34 of 34) of the Childcare establishments (childcare in non-domestic premises) which have had an Ofsted inspection in the committee area were 'Good' or 'Outstanding'. The rate in North Yorkshire was 98% at the same time.

3.2 Attainment overall

For two years, exams and assessments in schools did not take place because of the disruption to students' education caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. In 2020 GCSEs, AS and A level exams faced widespread cancellation and were replaced with a grading process involving teacher/ centre assessment. Similarly, summer 2021 assessments were awarded based on teacher or centre assessment and no statistical adjustment processes were used. Overall, final grades were significantly higher in both 2020 and 2021 than in 2019.

The Government allowed GCSEs, AS and A Level and equivalent assessments and exams to go ahead in England in summer 2022, and has made some changes to general, vocational and technical qualifications (VTQs). Additionally, school-level performance (league) tables were re-introduced for the end of the GCSE phase (key stage 4) in 2022; school-level information for secondary phase was not published during either 2020 or 2021.

It is important to emphasise that direct comparisons with outcomes from previous years need to be made with the pandemic in mind, as pupils will have had disrupted learning

during this period. Apart from this factor, there have also been several changes to exams and grading. As such, the DfE have recommended that caution is exercised when making comparisons with previous years.

In primary schools, performance across North Yorkshire in the Early Years (Early Years Foundation Stage Profile) has continued to be above national benchmarks and is beginning to approach the level of attainment seen before the pandemic. Attainment of children at Key Stage 2 is improving but yet to recover to pre-pandemic levels. In secondary schools the percentage of pupils achieving a grade 5 or above in both English and maths (Basics) improved in 2024 and is now 1.6% higher than national.

3.3 Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP)

In 2024, 72.1% of children in the committee area achieved a Good Level of Development. An in-year comparison of EYFSP outcomes with LA and national figures (see table below) shows that a higher proportion of pupils within the committee area achieved a good level of development compared with both North Yorkshire and national comparable figures.

Early Years Foundation Stage Profile – percentage achieving a good level of development			
	Harrogate and Knaresborough	North Yorks	National
2019	72.8%	72.8%	71.8%
No scores due to covid			
2022	70.0%	68.3%	65.2%
2023	70.8%	70.3%	67.2%
2024	72.1%	71.2%	67.7%

3.4 Key Stage 2

In 2024, 60.7% of children in the committee area achieved the expected standard in reading, writing and maths, which is higher than the North Yorkshire average and similar to the national comparable figure. An in-year comparison of KS2 attainment with LA and national figures is shown in the table below.

Key Stage 2 - percentage achieving the expected standard or above in reading, writing and maths combined.			
	Harrogate and Knaresborough	North Yorks	National
2019	68.8%	63.4%	64.9%
No scores due to covid			
2022	62.3%	56.6%	58.9%
2023	58.1%	56.1%	60.0%
2024	60.7%	57.8%	61.0%

3.5 Key Stage 4

The average Attainment 8 score, which measures the achievement of a pupil across eight qualifications, was 50.1 for the committee area in 2024. This is above both the North Yorkshire and national comparable figures.

Key Stage 4 - Average Attainment 8 score			
	Harrogate and Knaresborough	North Yorks	National
2019	52.7	48.7	46.7
No scores due to covid			
2022	54.0	50.3	48.8
2023	49.5	46.8	46.3
2024	50.1	46.8	46.1

The percentage achieving a grade 5 or above (grading is 9-1) in English and Maths (Basics measure) was 54.6% for the committee area in 2024. This is above both the national and the North Yorkshire comparable figures.

Key Stage 4 - Percentage achieving a grade 5 or above in English and Maths			
	Harrogate and Knaresborough	North Yorks	National
2019	54.7%	47.4%	43.2%
No scores due to covid			
2022	61.8%	53.8%	49.8%
2023	50.3%	46.0%	45.3%
2024	54.6%	47.7%	46.1%

3.6 Not in education, employment or training

There were 1145 young people recorded in Year 11 living in this committee area in May 2024 and of this cohort only 16 (1.4%) were not in education, employment or training after leaving school as of January 2025. The figure compares favourably with the overall North Yorkshire figure of 1.7% for the same period.

4.0 Suspension Incidents and Permanent Exclusions

4.1 Suspension Incidents

In the 2023/24 academic year, there have been a total of 9960 suspensions for a total of 3114 individual children in North Yorkshire. 519 of these children were on roll of mainstream schools in the Harrogate & Knaresborough committee area.

Suspension Incidents								
Academic year	Pupils suspended			Total Suspensions			Reason for suspension	
	North Yorkshire	Harrogate and Knaresborough (mainstream)	Percentage of North Yorkshire total (pupils)	North Yorkshire	Harrogate and Knaresborough (mainstream)	Percentage of North Yorkshire total (incidents)	Most common reason (Harrogate and Knaresborough)	Most common reason (North Yorkshire)
2018/19	2149	333	15%	5970	998	16.72%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (43.2%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (48.7%)
2019/20	1578	238	15%	4365	577	13.22%	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (34.9%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (48.2%)
2020/21	1578	238	15%	3553	502	14.13%	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (37.7%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (40.0%)
2021/22	2046	314	15%	5197	794	15.28%	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (40%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (45.5%)
2022/23	2753	459	17%	7639	1142	15%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (42.0%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (48.2%)
2023/24	3114	519	17%	9960	1660	17%	Persistent disruptive behaviour (51.5%)	Persistent or general disruptive behaviour (53.4%)

In 2023/24, schools in the committee area had a 20% share of the total schools' population in North Yorkshire and had a 17% share of suspensions for the whole county.

4.2 Permanent exclusions

In 2023/24, there were 122 permanent exclusions from all schools in the county, 16 (13%) of which were for children in Harrogate and Knaresborough mainstream schools. In the same period of 2022/23, there were 96 permanent exclusions, 15 of which were from the Harrogate and Knaresborough area.

Academic year	Harrogate and Knaresborough	North Yorkshire	Percentage of North Yorkshire total
2018/19	14	87	16%
2019/20	11	51	21.57%
2020/21	5	26	19.23%
2021/22	10	55	18.18%
2022/23	15	96	16%
2023/24	16	122	13%

In 2023/24, schools in the committee area had a 20% share of the total schools' population in North Yorkshire and had a 13% share of permanent exclusions for the whole county.

4.3 Responding to increasing exclusion from schools

It is important to note that the decision to suspend or permanently exclude from school can only be made by the school's headteacher as a last resort. The increasing rates of suspensions and permanent exclusions were discussed as part of an 'Education Matters' conference held in Harrogate in November 2024.

The North Yorkshire response has also included outreach support for schools through SEND Locality Hub teams, offering outreach services for children at risk of suspension or permanent exclusion.

5.0 Special Education Needs and Disabilities

5.1.1 SEN Statistics for Committee area

979 children in committee area with a North Yorkshire funded EHC plan (December 2024) 18.2% of the North Yorkshire total. The most common needs are:

- Autism (47%) (34% in North Yorkshire)
- Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH, 18%) (19% in North Yorkshire)
- Speech Language and Communication (SLCN, 11%) (17% in North Yorkshire)

2087 in committee area with SEN Support in North Yorkshire schools, 2024 School Census (January) 19.7% of the North Yorkshire total. The most common needs are:

- Specific Learning Difficulties ((e.g. Dyslexia), 29%) (22% in North Yorkshire)
- Social Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH, 18%) (19% in North Yorkshire)
- Speech, Language and Communication (SLCN, 17%) (20% in North Yorkshire)

5.2 Increasing demand for Education, Health and Care plans (EHC plans)

Whilst requests for Education, Health and Care plans (EHC plans) shows some sign of slowing, demand for assessments continues to be historically high.

The 2022/23 academic year saw 1263 requests for assessment for an EHC plan received, the highest number since EHC plans were introduced. Slightly fewer

requests were received by North Yorkshire Council in 2023/24, a total of 1196. 196 (16.4%) were for children or young people living in the committee area in 2023/24, a circa. 4% decrease on the 205 in 2022/23.

Additional capacity has been built into North Yorkshire Council’s Educational Psychology Service this is expected to have an impact on the timeliness of responding to assessment requests

5.3 SEND provision

Providing appropriate provision to children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) has become an area of increasing pressure on resources in local authorities throughout the country. Aligned with our Local Area Partnership Strategy the Council continues to maintain a focus upon working with mainstream schools to strengthen the offer for children with SEN so the vast majority can be educated within their local communities. Additionally, the council also have an agreed £20.5m capital programme to develop more specialist places for children across the county. This includes developing Targeted Mainstream Provision as well as increasing Special School places.

In the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency there are capital schemes underway which will further enhance the offer to children in the area. An expansion of Springwater School is well underway and set for completion by September 2025. This facility will provide 45 additional places and enhance the quality of facilities for children who require a special school place. Additionally, building works at the former Woodfield Primary School site to provide a new special school for children with Autism is progressing well. Completion is expected in the summer of 2025 and work is ongoing with the DfE to finalise the Academy Trust to run the new school. Separately, Targeted Mainstream Provision roll out continues to be a priority. Dialogue between 5 schools and the council to further increase the number of TMPs continues within the committee area and across the county.

6.0 Elective Home Education

Total EHE

As of the end of the 23/24 academic year there were 1303 children recorded as Electively Home Educated (EHE) in North Yorkshire, 152 (11.67%) of which were formerly attending a school in Harrogate & Knaresborough AC. At the same point in the previous year, there were 953 children EHE in North Yorkshire, 115 formerly from a school in Harrogate & Knaresborough. This represents a 32.2% increase in the area, compared to a 37% increase in North Yorkshire as a whole.

	Harrogate and Knaresborough EHE	Harrogate & Knaresborough EHE % of all North Yorkshire EHE	Total North Yorkshire EHE
22/23	115	12.07%	953
23/24	152	11.67%	1303

In 2023/24, schools in the committee area had a 20% share of the total schools’ population in North Yorkshire and had a 11.7% share of electively home educated children and young people for the whole county.

Becoming EHE

In the 2023/24 academic year, 821 children became EHE in North Yorkshire, 110 of which were formerly educated in a school in the Harrogate and Knaresborough AC. This figure in the previous academic year (2022/23) was 53 from Harrogate and Knaresborough AC out of 482 becoming EHE in North Yorkshire.

The government has set out plans to introduce a requirement for families subject to a protection plan to get council permission before removing a child from school to be home-educated as part of the Children's Wellbeing Bill (December 2024). Earlier this year it also announced plans to introduce a national register in England to help account for all home-educated children.

7.0 School Finance

7.1 2023/2024 School Revenue Balances

Local Authority maintained school revenue balances as at 31 March 2024 are summarised below, together with a comparison with 2023. The balances are also expressed as a percentage of school delegated budgets.

	Primary & Nursery 161 schools	Secondary 14 schools	Special 6 schools	Pupil Referral Unit 4 schools	Total 185 schools
Total School Revenue Balances (Net) as at 31 March 2024	£15,522k	-£448k	£303k	£810k	£16,187k
% of Revenue Budget	12.6%	-0.8%	1.7%	31.2%	8.1%
No. Schools with an Accumulated Revenue Budget Surplus as at 31 March 2024	143	10	4	4	161
No. Schools with an Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2024	18	4	2	0	24
<i>Comparison to total school revenue balance (net) as at 31 March 2023</i>	<i>+£1,288k</i>	<i>+£639k</i>	<i>+£1,191k</i>	<i>+£57k</i>	<i>+£3,175k</i>

(The number of school budgets submitted to the local authority for 2023/24 is lower than the total number of local authority maintained schools operating within North Yorkshire due to a number of school federations operating a single, amalgamated budget covering all of the schools within the federation)

24 schools (13% of LA Maintained schools) had an accumulated revenue budget deficit totalling £5.3M as at 31 March 2024. An analysis of the budget deficits by school phase is detailed in the table below:

	Primary & Nursery	Secondary	Special	Pupil Referral Unit	Total
No. Schools with an Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2024	18	4	2	0	24
Total School Revenue Deficit Balances as at 31 March 2024	-£825k	-£2,793k	-£1,698k	N/A	-£5,316k
Average Value of Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2024	-£46k	-£698k	-£849k	N/A	-£221k
Highest Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2024	-£184k	-£959k	-£1,631k	N/A	-£1,631k
Lowest Accumulated Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2024	-£1.4k	-£493k	-£67k	N/A	-£1.4k

7.2 School Budget Projections - Based on 2024/25 Revised budgets

The 2024/25 Revised Budgets submitted to the local authority by schools in December 2024 are summarised below:

	Primary & Nursery	Secondary	Special	Pupil Referral Unit	Total
	148 schools	12 schools	5 schools	4 schools	169 schools
Total Forecast School Revenue Balances (Net) as at 31 March 2025	£11,045k	-£678k	-£1,769k	£728k	£9,326k
No. Schools with an Accumulated Forecast Revenue Budget Surplus as at 31 March 2025	125	6	4	4	139
Average Value of Accumulated Forecast Revenue Budget Surplus as at 31 March 2025	£101k	£303k	£52k	£182k	£110k
No. Schools with an Accumulated Forecast Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2025	23	6	1	0	30
Average Value of Accumulated Forecast Revenue Budget Deficit as at 31 March 2025	-£67k	-£416k	-£1,976k	£0k	-£200k
<i>Comparison to total school revenue balance as at 31st March 2024</i>	<i>-£4,477k</i>	<i>-£230k</i>	<i>-£2,072k</i>	<i>-£82k</i>	<i>-£6,861k</i>

(The overall number of individual school budgets have reduced from 185 to 169 between the 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years due to 14 schools converting to academy status and 2 schools closing).

7.3 School Finance and Funding Issues

- The Government's 30 October 2024 Budget announced total core school funding is increasing nationally by £2.3 billion in 2025/26. This includes funding through the schools NFF, high needs funding, Central School Service Block (CSSB) of the Dedicated schools grant (DSG) and pupil premium. Of the £2.3 billion increase in total school funding, £1.3 billion will cover:
 - the remaining costs of the 2024 teachers' pay award in mainstream schools, so that the full 12 months of salary costs are fully funded at a national level;
 - an increase to the mainstream schools NFF; and,
 - increases to the pupil premium and other elements of core funding.

- The remaining £1 billion of the additional £2.3bn core school funding will be added to the overall high needs budget.
- The 2025/26 school funding formula factor values have been increased to include the rolling in of the previously separate grants in 2024/25 of Teachers Pay Additional Grant (TPAG), Teachers Pension Employer Contribution Grant (TPECG) and Core School Budget Grant (CSBG). The floor is 'cash flat' at 0%, after taking account of the funding that schools received through TPAG, TPECG and CSBG in 2024/25. The DfE require local authorities to set the 2025/26 Minimum Funding Guarantee funding protection level for schools between **minus 0.5% and 0%**. The DfE anticipate that further funding, in respect of the increase in employers' National Insurance contributions, will be provided in 2025/26 by a grant outside the School National Funding Formula. However, the DfE have stated that schools will be required to fund the teaching and support staff pay awards from their 2025/26 budget allocations, with no additional funding support.
- School budgets have experienced significant cost pressures in the 2024/25 financial year, this position is expected to continue for the 2025/26 financial year. Cost pressures include:
 - Below forecast inflation increases in school funding provided by Government for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 financial years; this is likely to be particularly challenging for many schools in respect of meeting pay award costs for the 2025/26 financial year.
 - Cost pressures associated with supporting an increasing number of pupils with additional SEND support needs.
- North Yorkshire secondary schools are placed 142 out of 151 local authorities in terms of funding level per pupil. On average, a school in North Yorkshire will receive £6,326 per pupil in 2024-25 compared to a national average of £6,879. Comparing the funding for a 1,500 pupil secondary school this equates to a difference in funding of £0.83m. The funding for North Yorkshire primary schools is more favourable with a position 34 out of 151 local authorities in terms of the funding level per pupil. For primary schools, a North Yorkshire school will receive on average £5,381 per pupil compared to a national average of £5,281. The average funding position in relation to primary schools in North Yorkshire is influenced by the levels of the lump sum and sparsity funding received through the DfE National Funding Formula by the relatively high number of small, rural primary schools within the local authority area.
- North Yorkshire has a number of schools that, geographically, are vital in serving their local communities. Inadequate sparsity funding and general financial pressures for smaller, rural secondary schools, continues to be a significant concern. NYC utilises the provision in the DfE National Funding Formula (NFF) to locally provide additional lump sum funding of £50k for the smallest (less than 350 pupils), most rural secondary schools. NYC continues to lobby the DfE and local MPs for higher levels of funding for the small, rural secondary schools within the LA.

7.4 Local Authority Support for Schools in Financial Difficulty

- The Local Authority adopts a number of measures to support schools facing financial difficulty:
 - the use of a financial risk rating framework to determine the level of support, challenge and intervention undertaken at individual school level,
 - the escalation path for financial intervention including the use of Notices of Financial Concern, where deemed appropriate. Currently, ten schools are subject to a Notice of Financial Concern.
 - the undertaking of School Resource Management reviews in individual schools where this has been identified as an appropriate intervention through the risk rating process. The reviews are either commissioned from the DfE or undertaken by LA staff with the SRMA accreditation and based on the DfE School Resource Management Adviser (SRMA) model.
 - continuing to undertake research into small school financial effectiveness to identify and share best practice
 - review of the Schools Financial Value Standard (SFVS) and Resource Management dashboard in financially challenged schools
 - continuing the promotion of school collaboration and the sharing of best practice in terms of effective resource management between schools
 - the provision of Headteacher and Governor finance briefings and training
 - continuing to lobby DfE for fairer funding for North Yorkshire schools, especially in relation to small, rural secondary schools.
- In 2023/24 North Yorkshire Council received a funding allocation of £972k to support individual schools in financial difficulty. The local authority developed an eligibility criteria and an associated funding allocation methodology to distribute the funding to schools in financial difficulty. The DfE have stated that the funding was one-off for the 2023-24 financial only and has not continued for 2024-25.

7.5 Schools Financial Position – Harrogate & Knaresborough

2023/24	2024/25
<p>7 schools projecting to be in budget surplus as at 31 March 2024 3 schools projecting to be in deficit by March 2024; 30% of schools in Harrogate & Knaresborough (2 primary, 1 secondary)</p> <p>Projected average primary surplus = £130k Projected average secondary surplus = £143k Projected average special surplus = £67k</p> <p>Projected average primary deficit = -£70k Projected average secondary deficit = -£633k Projected average special deficit = N/A</p> <p>(Data Source – 2024/25 Revised Budgets)</p>	<p>6 schools projecting to be in budget surplus as at 31 March 2025 4 schools projecting to be in deficit by March 2025; 40% of schools in Harrogate & Knaresborough (3 primary, 1 secondary)</p> <p>Projected average primary surplus = £222k Projected average secondary surplus = £178k Projected average special surplus = £79k</p> <p>Projected average primary deficit = -£97k Projected average secondary deficit = -£550k Projected average special deficit = N/A</p> <p>(Data Source – 2024/25 Revised Budgets)</p>

8.0 Planning school places

8.1 School sustainability

The sustainability of schools is largely influenced by three key factors which are usually related to each other:

- Falling pupil rolls
- School standards
- Financial difficulty

Where school closures have occurred in North Yorkshire these factors have been relevant. During the period 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2024 there were nine closures in the county. These included one school within the Harrogate and Knaresborough committee area which was Woodfield Community Primary School and which closed on 31 December 2022.

8.2 Pupil rolls – current and future

In accordance with the Education Act, 1996 the Council has a statutory duty to ensure sufficient school places are available for every child. For this purpose, it groups schools together into planning areas in accordance with the requirements of the DfE. Appendix 1 shows the planning areas for the Harrogate and Knaresborough Committee area together with: -

- The schools and academies in each planning area
- Capacity in the planning area
- Current numbers on roll
- Projected future numbers
- Projected impact of approved housing developments

The Council is carefully monitoring pupil numbers across the Harrogate and Knaresborough committee area. A proportion of the committee area is rural and served by small schools located within villages. A falling birth rate combined with changing demographics means that a number of small schools are facing financial challenges associated with low numbers on roll. In the committee area there are examples of schools working innovatively to mitigate these challenges. This includes collaborative working between schools, including in federations. For all small schools the fluctuation of pupil numbers exacerbates the already challenging nature of school funding.

The general picture across the whole of the County shows projected growth in the urban areas contrasting with declining numbers in rural locations. There are several social and economic reasons for this.

Appendix 1 does not include projections of pupil yield from sites proposed in the former Harrogate District Council Local Plan that do not yet have planning approval, including larger sites to the West of Harrogate. Harrogate, Knaresborough and Ripon will accommodate most of the housing growth over the Local Plan Period.

The key points to note within the planning areas across the committee area are:

8.3 Primary

Boroughbridge Primary Area

There are a high number of housing permissions in this area and Officers are monitoring the situation carefully in Boroughbridge Town and Kirby Hill in terms of school place planning and we continue to monitor the pace and scale of these developments in relation to school place planning.

Additional capacity was added to Boroughbridge Community Primary School (60 places) for the start of the Autumn term, 2024. Officers will continue to monitor the ongoing impact upon the potential requirement for additional places arising from the development.

Harrogate Primary West

Members will be aware of the significant housing development planned/underway in the Harrogate west area.

The West of Harrogate Parameters Plan document was adopted in February 2022. The purpose of this document is to create an aligned, holistic site approach, addressing matters such as land use, access and movement, provision of community facilities and schools, green and blue infrastructure, public transport, cycling and pedestrian links, and phasing. Two primary school sites are provisionally indicated, one on site H49 (Windmill Farm) and one on site H51 (Land East of Whinney Lane).

In addition, an additional site for education has been secured at Penny Pot Lane. Housing development has started at Penny Pot Lane and officers are currently monitoring the pace of housing and the impact on the need for additional school places. Additional capacity has been added to Oatlands Junior School.

Knaresborough Primary Town

A site for education provision has been secured at Manse Farm to primarily serve the Manse Farm development in Knaresborough and the proposed Highfield Farm development. Planning approval was secured in 2020. It is intended that the new school (with nursery provision) will be a free school (a state-funded school, operating as an academy, independent of the local authority). Elevate Multi Academy Trust has been appointed to run the new primary school. Through the 'presumption route' process, NYC is responsible for delivery and funding of the school using a combination of Basic Need Grant and developer contributions.

The age range of the school will be 3-11, providing places for 210 pupils (one form of entry) with the ability to expand to 420 places (two forms of entry) should that be required in the future. The school will provide places for boys and girls (mixed). The school will also support general school place sufficiency in the Knaresborough area and will be opened in a phased approach to avoid destabilising existing provision.

The Council continues to actively encourage the third parties to resolve the issues that are preventing the transfer of the school land to the Council. Only when this is achieved would the Council be able to review and confirm its plans for the proposed school.

8.4 Secondary

Harrogate Secondary

Following discussions in 2019 with the local secondary schools additional capacity has been added at both Rossett School (2 additional classrooms) and Harrogate Grammar School (3 additional classrooms). Both will assist in meeting the expected rise in demand for places as a result of housing growth and pupil numbers will continue to be monitored.

8.5 New Settlement - Maltkiln

The council has requested that provision be made for two primary school sites within the proposed new settlement at Maltkiln. However, it is not expected that the size of the overall development would generate sufficient pupils to require the provision of a new secondary school. It is intended that Boroughbridge High School would be expanded to meet the anticipated growth in secondary pupils from the development. However, safeguarded land for secondary provision is indicated within proposals for Maltkiln, should this be required in the future.

9.0 Recommendation

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| 9.1 That Members note the report on educational factors in the Harrogate and Knaresborough committee area. |
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APPENDIX 1

Planning Areas and forecast surplus/shortfall school places

School planning area	Places available as at 2023/2024	Number on Roll 2019/2020	Number on roll 2023/2024	Surplus Capacity 2023/2024	Forecast pupils as at 2028/2029	Pupils from current housing permissions until 2028/2029	Surplus capacity 2028/29
*School located in a neighbouring committee area							
Primary							
Harrogate Primary Urban Central <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilton Grange CP • Coppice Valley Primary • Saltergate Community Junior • Saltergate Infant • Starbeck Primary Academy • New Park Primary Academy • St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Harrogate, A Voluntary Academy • Willow Tree CP 	2249	2010	1873	376	1649	161	439
Harrogate Primary Urban East <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grove Road CP • Hookstone Chase Primary • Richard Taylor CE • St Robert's Catholic 	1153	1160	1149	4	1059	98	-4
Harrogate Primary Urban West <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oatlands Infant • Oatlands Junior • Pannal Primary • Rossett Acre Primary • St Peter's CE Primary • Western Primary 	2155	2098	2170	-15	2091	130	-66
Harrogate Primary Outer Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Saint's CE School* • Askwith CP* • Beckwithshaw CP* • Birstwith CE* • Admiral Long CE* • Darley CP* • Follifoot CE* • Hampsthwaite CE • Kettlesing Felliscliffe CP* • Killinghall CE • North Rigton CE* • Ripley Endowed • Sicklinghall CE* • Spofforth CE* 	1377	1198	1037	340	870	119	388
Total	6934	6466	6229	705	5669	508	757

School planning area	Places available as at 2023/2024	Number on Roll 2019/2020	Number on roll 2023/2024	Surplus Capacity 2023/2024	Forecast pupils as at 2028/2029	Pupils from current housing permissions until 2028/2029	Surplus capacity 2028/29
*School located in a neighbouring committee area							
Boroughbridge Primary Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boroughbridge Primary Kirby Hill CE* Roecliffe CE* 	474	330	403	71	430	100	-56
Boroughbridge Primary Outer Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dishforth Airfield CP* Great Ouseburn CP* Green Hammerton CE* Kirk Hammerton CE* Marton-cum-Grafton CE Nun Monkton Primary* St Peter's Brafferton CE* Staveley CP 	784	551	583	201	570	36	178
Total	1258	881	961	297	985	167	106

Knaresborough Primary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aspin Park Academy Meadowside Academy St John's CE Primary St Mary's Primary School Knaresborough, A Voluntary Catholic Academy 	1190	1146	1123	67	965	132	93
Knaresborough Primary Outer Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goldsborough CE* Long Marston CE* Scotton Lingerfield Primary Tockwith CE* 	493	428	433	60	424	53	16
Total	1683	1574	1556	127	1389	185	109

Boroughbridge Secondary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Boroughbridge High School 	763	481	466	297	493	13	257
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Harrogate & Rural Secondary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harrogate Grammar Rossett School Harrogate High St John Fisher Catholic High St Aidan's CE High Nidderdale High* 	7749	7924	7530	219	7569	335	-155
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Knaresborough Secondary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> King James's School 	1720	1544	1550	170	1652	65	3
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Note

- Figures above take into account outstanding housing permissions, but not undetermined planning applications (including those sites to the West of Harrogate as detailed in the West of Harrogate Parameters Plan) or other Local Plan proposals. Pupil yield from housing is based on 25% for primary aged pupils and 13% for secondary aged pupils.

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North Yorkshire Council

Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Committee

20 March 2025

Update on the North Yorkshire and York Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS)

Report of the Corporate Director – Environment

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to update members with progress on the North Yorkshire and York Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS), since spring 2024 and in advance of the six-week statutory public consultation scheduled to start from late May 2025.

BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Local Nature Recovery Strategies (LNRS) are the England-wide system of spatial strategies established by clauses 104 to 108 of the Environment Act 2021.
- 2.2 They are designed as tools to drive more coordinated, practical and focussed action to help nature. Each Strategy will, for the area that it covers:
- agree priorities for nature's recovery,
 - map the most valuable existing areas for nature,
 - map specific proposals for creating or improving habitat for nature and wider environmental goals.
- 2.3 North Yorkshire Council was appointed by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) as responsible authority in August 2023 and commenced work on the LNRS in September of the same year. NYC has followed DEFRA's statutory guidance and advice and undertaken extensive technical studies and stakeholder engagement from September 2023 through to March 2025. NYC has compiled all the documentation required by the statutory guidance, with supporting appendices.

3.0 UPDATE ON THE NORTH YORKSHIRE AND YORK LNRS

- 3.1 Since spring 2024, the project team has continued to follow the requirements of the LNRS statutory guidance in addition to the monthly online advice sessions from DEFRA.
- 3.2 This involved a series of in-person workshops to elicit our priorities for nature recovery covering different habitats across our geography including:
- woodland
 - wetland
 - upland
 - grassland and farmland
 - in-river habitat
 - urban

- 3.3 We had over 120 attendees from a range of organisations including: Natural England, Environment Agency, Forestry Commission, City of York Council, protected landscapes, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and White Rose Forest. Alongside each priority is a series of associated measures (actions).
- 3.4 At the same time, we co-created our vision strapline - 'To work together to enhance, expand, restore and connect our region's habitats for thriving nature across North Yorkshire and York'. The vision is underpinned by 10 principles, including: restoring natural processes, producing food, fuel and timber in nature friendly way, connecting people to nature and managing our water sustainably.
- 3.5 Over the summer period we worked closely with our advisory group (steering group) to devise the approach to our nature recovery map and this also involved several calls with DEFRA and Natural England's LNRS central team to agree a way forward.
- 3.6 During the early winter months, we facilitated nine in-person workshops for landowners, land managers and farmers to update them on our work, present the proposed mapping method and brief them on the forthcoming statutory public consultation in late spring 2025. At the same time, we have been progressing our work on wildlife species devising a method for selecting a long list of priority species and a short list of focus species (approximately 80 no.). The focus species will benefit from our proposed measures (actions).
- 3.7 We have been considering how the LNRS will be delivered, and this has involved a workshop with DEFRA, followed by the submission of an 'ask' in respect of the funding and staffing needed to deliver the LNRS. We are expecting an announcement from DEFRA for the funding of FY '25-'25 soon. We convened a delivery workshop for our own local stakeholders in early December 2024 to begin early thinking around what LNRS delivery could look like in our area.

4.0 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN AND RESPONSES

- 4.1 To date, across our geography; we have engaged with over 1,500 stakeholders, including our online survey which took place between November 2023 and February 2024. Engagement events have included one to one interviews, in-person workshops with species and habitat specialists, member briefings, in-person workshops with youth councils, webinars, in-person workshops with landowners, land managers and farmers, online calls with NYC officers from related disciplines and presentations at local nature conferences. We also have a mailing list of 400 individuals who have requested to be kept up to date on progress with the LNRS.
- 4.2 Comments from stakeholders have been logged and where feasible actioned to inform the emerging LNRS.

5.0 NEXT STEPS

- 5.1 We are finalising our LNRS documentation and the building of our online nature recovery map and expect this all to be ready by the end of March at which point we are required to submit this 'pre-consultation' draft to our four supporting authorities for their consideration and sign off. (The LNRS regulations state they have 28 days to consider the pre-consultation draft and raise any objections (if any) during that time frame). Our four supporting authorities are: Natural England, City of York Council, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and North York Moors National Park Authority.

- 5.2 Subject to the sign off by the supporting authorities and by our own Executive Member, we intend to publish the draft LNRS documentation for a six-week statutory public consultation period from the end of May 2025.
- 5.3 The LNRS regulations requires responsible authorities to publish all responses to the consultation within a reasonable time of the consultation concluding. The purpose of this is for consultees to understand how their comments have informed changes to the LNRS in the form of the 'pre-publication' draft.
- 5.4 The LNRS regulations requires that the 'pre-publication' draft is submitted to our four supporting authorities for their consideration and sign off. We expect to submit the draft to them during August 2025 (The LNRS regulations state they have 28 days to consider the pre-consultation draft and raise any objections (if any) during that time frame).
- 5.5 Once sign off is received from our supporting authorities, the LNRS will be submitted to the NYC Executive for consideration and sign off as the published version. We expect to submit to the October 2025 NYC Executive.

6.0 CONTRIBUTION TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- 6.1 The LNRS will contribute to the vision of the Council Plan (2024-2028) particularly in respect of building on our natural capital and supporting a good quality of life for all. The vision is underpinned by five ambitions and the LNRS will support place and environment by contributing to a clean, environmentally sustainable and attractive place to live, work and visit and by encouraging communities to work together to improve their local area. It will support economy by helping to reverse the decline in nature and in so doing contribute to sustainable tourism. It will contribute to health and wellbeing by supporting people to have a good quality of life and enjoy active and healthy lifestyles.

7.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 7.1 We have been required to follow the LNRS regulations and statutory guidance set out by DEFRA and so no alternative options have been considered.

8.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no financial implications arising specifically from this report as it is for information only. The LNRS project is fully grant funded and the total grant available is £341k. Costs incurred for the remaining work on the LNRS are covered by this grant.
- 8.2 Along with other responsible authorities, North Yorkshire Council have contributed to the design of the delivery phase with DEFRA and await the forthcoming announcement on the funding for delivery for financial year 25/26. Funding for the subsequent three years will be announced at a later date.

9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 As the appointed responsible authority, North Yorkshire Council is legally required to prepare the LNRS.

10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no equalities implications arising directly from this report.

11.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 Supporting nature is one of the three pillars of the NYC Climate Change Strategy 2023-2030 and within that theme there are seven priorities. The development of the Local Nature Recovery Strategy seeks to support those priorities and therefore is expected to have a positive outcome for Climate Change and Nature.

12.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 12.1 To note progress and outlined next steps in relation to the North Yorkshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS).

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS – LNRS webpage

[Local Nature Recovery Strategy | North Yorkshire Council](#)

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Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Committee

20 March 2025

Harrogate and Knaresborough Active Travel updates

Report of Corporate Director of Environment

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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| 1.1 To advise the committee of progress to date on the delivery of active travel schemes within Harrogate and Knaresborough. |
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2.0 UPDATE REQUEST

- 2.1 Following an officer presentation at September 2024 Harrogate and Knaresborough Constituency to update committee members on progress and expected delivery of Active Travel schemes across Harrogate and Knaresborough, officers are now providing a further update on progress since the last meeting. Details of expected delivery dates and associated budgets available can be found in Appendix A.
- 2.2 For background and overview of the schemes please refer to the September 2024 H & K Area Committee report attached as background paper.

3.0 OATLANDS AND WETHERBY ROAD CROSSINGS

- 3.1 The detailed design and costings for the scheme have now been completed. The informal consultation for the Traffic Regulation Orders was between 27 January and 18 February 2025. Officers consulted on creating a 20mph zone on Oatlands Drive and Park Edge (surrounding residential streets had already been consulted upon as part of the wider 20mph works), adding traffic calming in the form of speed cushions between Slingsby Walk and York place, and adding Double Yellow Lines to the Eastern Side of Oatlands Drive.
- 3.2 The TRO modifications will also need to be formally advertised for a period of three weeks after the informal consultation responses have been considered and any required changes implemented.
- 3.3 Since a range of responses to the proposals have been received during the informal consultation exercise, it is anticipated that a further report to the Corporate Director, Environment and the Executive Member, Highways and Transportation is expected to be needed to consider the objections before the works can be implemented.

4.0 HARLAND WAY

- 4.1 An initial phase of works on the Harland Way has now been completed. The vegetation at the sides of the path has been cleared along its full length, and improvements to drainage have been made throughout. The path has been widened to a consistent width of approximately 2.75m, and stone has been imported and reprofiled to improve the surface and drainage. However, due to bad weather conditions in January including heavy snow fall and compacted ice, the contractor had to pull off site temporarily.

- 4.2 The next phase of work will be to complete the stoning up and reprofiling of the remaining 25% of the path along with any remedial works arising from poor weather. The final surfacing will involve spreading a layer of granite dust over the cycleway which will then be compressed to provide a smooth running surface. The works need to be completed in fine weather to avoid materials spoiling, so are currently unprogrammed but anticipated to be completed by Q1 25.

5.0 ACTIVE TRAVEL FUND (ATF) 2 – VICTORIA AVENUE

- 5.1 Detailed design has been completed and the works have been tendered. The contract was awarded early February with works to commence in March 2025. Works are anticipated to be completed by July 2025.
- 5.2 A potential phase two of the works is subject to additional funding being awarded, details of future funding opportunities to bid for are still unknown to date.
- 5.3 A feasibility study for a central bi-directional cycle track is currently in development, once the outcomes of this study are known they will be presented to Environment Executive and next steps agreed.

6.0 BILTON CROSSING

- 6.1 This is a crossing point requested by cycle groups. Design was prepared and locals were consulted on this, safety issues were highlighted which prompted a Road Safety Assessment (RSA) to be completed. To mitigate the issues raised in the report further land will be required, whilst it is believed this is NYC land, this does require further work and possible additional costs. Alternatives have been identified and will be discussed with the local member.

7.0 KILLINGHALL- GREENWAY BUILD OUT

- 7.1 A discussion has taken place with the local member regarding the proposal. An informal engagement exercise has taken place, concerns have been raised regarding the on-street parking in the area and displacement of these. Alternatives are being considered and will be discussed in more detail with the local member.

8.0 OTLEY ROAD SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT MEASURES/NPIF

- 8.1 Following the decision by former NYCC BES Executive Members to re-allocate the remaining funding from the National Productivity Investment Fund (NPIF) to a package of 'Sustainable Transport Measures' for the West of Harrogate, design works for ten individual schemes have commenced and next steps for delivery have been identified. This is a package of ten separate projects each on their own timelines with varying consultation requirements.
- 8.2 Cold Bath Road Signals Upgrades
Implementation of the signals upgrades does not require consultation. It is intended to link the signals at this junction with Pannal Ash Road. Design work has now been completed but following costing it was concluded that the works will need to be tendered. This process will commence in March 2025.
- 8.3 Otley Road Bus Stop Upgrades
The works have now had outline costings prepared. The next stage is a site walkover with the local Councillor and consultation with residents. Once this has concluded works can then be ordered. Delivery timescale is dependent on lead times for live update signage and contractor availability and the outcome of the consultation.

- 8.4 Cold Bath Road 20mph
 Designs complete. Informal consultation on TRO's between 10 February and 02 March.
 The TRO modifications will also need to be formally advertised for a period of three weeks after the informal consultation responses have been considered and any required changes implemented.
 The TRO process timescales depend on whether objections are received.
- 8.5 Access Arrangements at Falcon Chiropractic
 The signals upgrades will be completed early in the 25/26 financial year.
- 8.6 Crossing point Western Primary School
 Designs complete. Informal consultation on TRO's between 10th February and 2nd March.
 The TRO modifications will also need to be formally advertised for a period of three weeks after the informal consultation responses have been considered and any required changes implemented
 The TRO process timescales depend on whether objections are received
- 8.7 Improve Crossing point from PROW Green Lane Ashville College
 Scheme paused and will be considered as part of wider West of Harrogate traffic calming/active travel proposals which NYC consultants APS are currently reviewing.
- 8.8 Review signing for cycle paths.
 This is linked to cycle priority work led by the transport planning team; delivery will be towards end of NPIF program.
- 8.9 20 mph Harrogate Grammar and surrounding streets
 Design completed, TRO informal consultation programmed for 24 February to 16 March.
 The TRO modifications will also need to be formally advertised for a period of three weeks after the informal consultation responses have been considered and any required changes implemented
 The TRO process timescales depend on whether objections are received.
- 8.10 Cycle parking/improved public realm Cold Bath Road
 Requires planning permission so delivery would be towards end of the overall NPIF program. Feasibility work is still ongoing.
- 8.11 Patching/resurfacing Rosset Cycle Path
 Works completed August 2024.
- 9.0 HTIP- HIGHWAYS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PLAN**
- 9.1 HTIP2 – Initial briefings have been undertaken within H&T teams. As a consequence, it's been recommended that some additional teams review the draft report. This process will soon conclude, and senior manager briefings will then commence in advance of Member and Committee briefings being planned.
- 10.0 SCHEMES IN DEVELOPMENT**
- 10.1 Bilton to Hornbeam Park - Cycle Route
 Officers attended a design workshop with Sustrans in November to discuss this scheme in detail including routing options, de-risking and improving upon the original concept plans. The workshop was facilitated by Sustrans, on behalf of Active Travel England to support LAs with scheme development. The workshop was attended by NYC officers and consultants working on the Bilton to Hornbeam Park scheme and has influenced the designs going forward.

- 10.1.1 Officers have agreed with the designers to concentrate efforts on the more straightforward elements of the scheme at both the northern and southern extents of the corridor. Traffic surveys are required to inform Traffic modelling for three key junctions within the route as the proposed designs will have an impact on network operation due to the reassignment of road space to cyclists. To support the modelling work, additional surveys will need to be undertaken in a 'neutral month' and must not be concurrent with major roadworks in the immediate area as this would distort the data outputs. These surveys are planned for late February.

A59 Missing Link

- 10.2 Design work is currently ongoing. Unfortunately, this is not a straightforward exercise due to the site being very constrained, with limited carriageway width, third party land adjacent to the adopted highway, the narrow listed bridge over the River Nidd, bus stops within the works area and the need to try and abide by LTN 1/20 guidelines all making it difficult to find a deliverable and cost effective solution within the space available. Officers have met with Active Travel England to seek their guidance in January 2025, which was a productive meeting, though concerns remain. Additional traffic and topographical surveys are needed before a preferred solution can be reached.

Harrogate Cycle Network Development Prioritisation

- 10.3 A Knaresborough Cycle Network Development – Prioritisation Outcomes report was taken to Environment Executive on 24 January 2025 and approval to engage key stakeholders on the emerging Knaresborough cycle priorities was given. Whilst internal NYC key stakeholders have had sight of the Harrogate priorities, Officers felt that consulting key external stakeholders on both the Harrogate priorities and Knaresborough priorities at the same time was important and as a result held back the engagement on the Harrogate priorities until this most recent approval at Environment Exec. Officers will now seek key stakeholder views on both Harrogate and Knaresborough cycle priorities.

11.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 There are no financial implications arising directly as a result of this report as it is for information only. For each scheme, separate reports are submitted when appropriate to ensure the financial implications of each individual project are considered. The approved budgets available for each project and the source of funding has been identified in Appendix A.

12.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 The purpose of this report is for updates only, separate reports are submitted when appropriate to ensure the legal implications of each individual project is considered.
- 12.2 Proposals being developed may require vertical calming measures and as such these would also be subject to consultation as required under The Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999.
- 12.3 Several of the proposals within this report will require Traffic Regulation Orders. When designs are complete officers will commence the statutory legal process including consultation on the making and/or amending of any Traffic Regulation Orders currently in place. In making these proposals the Council has had regard to its duty pursuant to Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to secure the expeditious, convenient, and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic including pedestrians. Further consideration will be given to this duty when considering the responses to the consultation exercises. If objections are received in relation to the TRO schemes consideration will also need to be given to holding of a public inquiry.

13.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 13.1 The purpose of this report is for updates only, separate reports are submitted when appropriate to ensure the equalities implications of each individual project is considered.
- 13.2 Consideration has been given to the Council's Public Sector Equality Duty and the potential for any adverse impact arising from the recommendations of this report. Officers believe that the recommended options to deliver from this report do not have any adverse impacts on any of the protected characteristics identified in the Equalities Act 2010 or NYC's additional agreed characteristics. The completed Equalities Impact Assessment screening form can be found in Appendix B.

14.0 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 14.1 The purpose of this report is for updates only, separate reports are submitted when appropriate to ensure the equalities implications of each individual project is considered.
- 14.2 Consideration has been given to the potential for any adverse impacts on climate change arising from the recommendations of this report. A climate change assessment has been completed and included as Appendix C to this report. It is the view of officers that the recommendations included in this report do not have any adverse impacts on Climate change; once the works are implemented there should be a benefit as the measures encourage modal shift away from car use.

15.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 15.1 That the Committee notes the updates provided.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Harrogate and Knaresborough Active Travel Schemes Progress Update
Appendix B - EIA Screening Form
Appendix C – Climate Impact Assessment

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Harrogate and Knaresborough Active Travel Schemes Progress

Update: February 2025.

Project	Budget Allocation	Approved funding source	Updates to date	Expected delivery date
Oatlands and Wetherby Crossings	£230,000	26/26 Capital Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial public consultation held 25th April to 12th May 24. As part of this it was identified that one of the land exchange options was not suitable. A second consultation was required and took place 24th June- 14th July. Land dedication legal process was delayed due to the above, but it can now commence. Delivery date is subject to the completion of this process that can't be determined yet. Works were also delayed due to application to make the stray common land – legal advice was required on this, did not want to risk abortive work. Concluded provided exchange completed in line with Stray Act works could go ahead. Delivery of crossings requires new and modified traffic regulation orders – two rounds of consultation in line with statutory process, potential need for Exec report if objections received. 	TBC – Q2/Q3 2025 dependant on outcomes of TRO process. TRO process from Jan – March 25.
Harland Way – Resurfacing	£200,000	LTP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial phase of siding out/stoning up and works completed Dec 24-Jan 25. 	Q4 24 – Q1 25

Project	Budget Allocation	Approved funding source	Updates to date	Expected delivery date
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Second phase to include any remedial works caused by bad weather and completion including surfacing to be completed in better weather. 	
ATF 2 Victoria Avenue - pedestrian improvements	£807,000	Active Travel Fund 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tender awarded February 2025. Works commencing 17th March 2025. 	Q4 24 - Q2 25
Bilton Crossing	TBC	S106 Monies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RSA process concluded, designers currently working to resolve issues. 	Q3 25 - Q4 25
Killinghall Build Out	TBC	S106 Monies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designs still in development, concerns raised about parking displacement. Works still in progress with next steps to identify. 	Q3 25 – Q4 25
Otley Road Sustainable Transport Measures	£710,000	National Productivity Investment Fund	<p>Cold Bath Road signals upgrade Design works and pricing by manufacturer complete. Due to value works must be tendered. Tender process to commence March 25. No consultation required for signals upgrades.</p> <p>Otley Road bus stops upgrades Initial site visits have taken place</p> <p>Cold Bath Road 20mph Traffic Regulation Order informal consultation from Feb-March 2025. TRO process timescales depend on whether objections are received</p> <p>Crossing near Falcon Chiropratic Signals team programme has upgrades taking place Q1 2025</p>	<p>Q3 25</p> <p>To be Confirmed (TBC)- Not yet programmed Q3 25 Q1 25</p> <p>TBC - Not yet programmed TBC- Not yet programmed.</p>

Project	Budget Allocation	Approved funding source	Updates to date	Expected delivery date
			<p>Crossing point western primary school TRO informal consultation February/March 25</p> <p>Improved crossing point from PROW Green lane Ashville college. Paused to can be looked at in context of wider west of Harrogate upgrades and traffic calming schemes. Designs to commence imminently. Review signing for cycle paths To tie in with cycle priority work, on pause for now</p> <p>20MPH Arthurs Ave Surrounding streets TRO informal consultation Feb/March 2025</p> <p>Cycle parking/ improved public realm Feasibility stage</p> <p>Resurfacing Rossett cycle path</p>	<p>TBC – Not yet programmed</p> <p>TBC – Not yet programmed</p> <p>TBC- Not yet programmed</p> <p>Works complete august 2024</p>
HTIP- Highways Transportation Improvement Package			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NYC internal review currently ongoing, to be followed by senior manager briefings & member briefings 	TBC

Initial equality impact assessment screening form			
This form records an equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.			
Directorate	Environment		
Service area	Area 6 Highways Office		
Proposal being screened	Harrogate and Knaresborough Active Travel Updates		
Officer(s) carrying out screening	Melisa Burnham		
What are you proposing to do?	The purpose of this report is to provide an overview of Active travel scheme updates, equality impact assessments will be considered for individual schemes as they are developed.		
Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?	This report is for information only regarding updates of Active Travel projects, individual projects will be considered in terms of Equality Impact assessments. Over all though the Active travel schemes aim to will encourage more residents to use sustainable modes of transport and as a result will contribute towards numerous council climate change and active travel priorities.		
Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources? Please give details.	The report is to advise of progress to date only.		
Impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYC's additional agreed characteristics As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics? • Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important? • Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to? <p>If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be an adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your directorate representative for advice if you are in any doubt.</p>			
Protected characteristic	Potential for adverse impact		Don't know/No info available
	Yes	No	
Age		✓	
Disability		✓	
Sex		✓	
Race		✓	
Sexual orientation		✓	
Gender reassignment		✓	
Religion or belief		✓	
Pregnancy or maternity		✓	
Marriage or civil partnership		✓	
People in rural areas		✓	
People on a low income		✓	
Carer (unpaid family or friend)		✓	

Are from the Armed Forces Community		✓	
Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known inequalities/probable impacts (for example, disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	No,		
Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate? (for example, partners, funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics? Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.	No		
Decision (Please tick one option)	EIA not relevant or proportionate:	✓	Continue to full EIA:
Reason for decision	No adverse equalities impacts identified, positive impacts anticipated for all types of local residents.		
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	Barrie Mason		
Date	11/03/2025		

Initial Climate Change Impact Assessment (Form created August 2021)

The intention of this document is to help the council to gain an initial understanding of the impact of a project or decision on the environment. This document should be completed in consultation with the supporting guidance. Dependent on this initial assessment you may need to go on to complete a full Climate Change Impact Assessment. The final document will be published as part of the decision-making process.

If you have any additional queries, which are not covered by the guidance please email climatechange@northyorks.gov.uk

Title of proposal	Harrogate and Knaresborough Active Travel updates
Brief description of proposal	To advise the Committee of progress to date on the delivery of Active Travel schemes within Harrogate and Knaresborough.
Directorate	Environment
Service area	Area 6 Highways Office
Lead officer	Melisa Burnham
Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment	Jos Holmes - Climate Change Strategy Manager

The chart below contains the main environmental factors to consider in your initial assessment – choose the appropriate option from the drop-down list for each one.

Remember to think about the following;

- Travel
- Construction
- Data storage
- Use of buildings
- Change of land use
- Opportunities for recycling and reuse

Environmental factor to consider	For the council	For the county	Overall
Greenhouse gas emissions	No effect on emissions	Decreases emissions	Decreases emissions
Waste	No effect on waste	No effect on waste	No effect on waste
Water use	No effect on water usage	No effect on water usage	No effect on water usage
Pollution (air, land, water, noise, light)	No effect on pollution	Decreases pollution	Decreases pollution
Resilience to adverse weather/climate events (flooding, drought etc)	No effect on resilience	No effect on resilience	No effect on resilience
Ecological effects (biodiversity, loss of habitat etc)	No effect on ecology	No effect on ecology	No effect on ecology
Heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape	No effect on heritage and landscape

If any of these factors are likely to result in a negative or positive environmental impact then a full climate change impact assessment will be required. It is important that we capture information about both positive and negative impacts to aid the council in calculating its carbon footprint and environmental impact.

Decision (Please tick one option)	Full CCIA not relevant or proportionate:	Yes	Continue to full CCIA:	
Reason for decision	Individual projects will consider the need for full CCIA. This report is for information updates only regarding an overview of project progress and next steps.			
Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)	Barrie Mason			
Date	11/03/2025			

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North Yorkshire Council

Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Committee

7 March 2025

Work Programme Report

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To ask Members to consider the Committee's work programme and amend it as required.
- 1.2 To inform Members and the public of work undertaken since the last Committee meeting, including informal meetings, working group sessions, and progress on issues raised by members.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The intention is for the Committee to develop a work programme that:
 - a) is owned by the Committee,
 - b) has items on it that are important locally but relevant at a strategic level,
 - c) evolves over time and is not static.
- 2.2 The Committee Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Democratic Services Officer will keep the work programme up to date. They will also determine which items need to be considered at a committee meeting, and which could be dealt with by an informal working group.
- 2.3 Issues which are considered by the Committee can be:
 - a) referred to an officer at the Council for a response,
 - b) referred to the Democratic Services Officer, to conduct further research to ascertain whether it was appropriate for the Committee to review,
 - c) referred to the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee,
 - d) referred to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to consider, outside of a formal committee meeting,
 - e) referred to the appropriate Executive Member to consider.
- 2.4 The Work Programme Report is considered at every meeting. It is an opportunity for Members to request additions to the programme of work, but also it provides a public summary of the work undertaken since the last Committee meeting, including informal meetings and discussions which are not held in public.

3.0 WORKING GROUPS

3.1 The following working group meetings have taken place the last meeting of the Committee on 28 November 2024:

a) **Harrogate Station Gateway Working Group:**

- i. **21 February 2025.** The Working Group met to receive an informal update on progress on delivering the scheme, and updated timelines for the next steps. The Executive Member for Highways was in attendance.

b) **Climate Change Working Group:**

- i. **14 January 2025.** Following on from the agenda item at the meeting on 28 November ([Minute 97](#)), a further meeting was held to co-ordinate future actions and ensure councillors were informed on next steps, as well as offering support to officers to help communicate with residents.

4.0 INFORMAL BRIEFINGS

4.1 The following informal briefings have taken place since the last meeting of the Committee on 28 November 2024:

- a) 11 December 2024 – Active Travel Scheme Update.
- b) 10 January 2025 – Budget Session.
- c) 15 January 2025 – Let’s Talk Active Consultation Feedback Session.
- d) 23 January 2025 – Mid Cycle Briefing (for 20 March 2025).
- e) 27 January 2025 – Let’s Talk Active – Consultation Feedback Session.
- f) 6 March 2025 – Resilience and Emergencies Update.

5.0 FUTURE ITEMS OF WORK

5.1 The Democratic Services Officer maintains a live version of the work programme, which is available for any committee member on request. A current version is always included in the papers for each committee meeting as part of the Work Programme Report.

5.2 A summary of progress on actions raised by members is at paragraph 1 of the work programme (Appendix A).

5.2 A summary of items scheduled for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee (25 March 2025) are at paragraph 2 of the work programme (Appendix A).

5.3 A list of future items of work, which do not yet have a date for consideration, is at paragraph 3 of the work programme (Appendix A).

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

6.1 Members are asked to:

- a) consider the Committee's work programme and amend it as required.
- b) note the work undertaken by working groups since the last Committee meeting.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A: Harrogate and Knaresborough AC Work Programme (March 2025).

Appendix B: Response from Network Strategy (Paragraph 1, Appendix A refers).

BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None.

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2024 – 25 Work Programme

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3. **Future Items of Work.** List of proposed areas of future work, along with when and how it is proposed to consider them.
4. **Working Group Activity.** A summary of the meetings held by Working Groups during the current Civic Year.
5. **Record of Informal and Virtual Area Committee Sessions.** A list of the informal sessions and briefings which members have attended during the current Civic Year.

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1. PROGRESS ON ISSUES RAISED AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Subject and Minute Number	Raised	Current Status
Member resolution to request a public information campaign to educate drivers on the risk of speeding (Minute 94).	At committee meeting on 28 November 2024.	Response from Network Strategy included at Appendix A.
Attendance of Community Safety Team and North Yorkshire Police at future committee meetings (Minute 95).	At committee meeting on 28 November 2024.	Discussion at Area Committee Chairs and Vice Chair's meetings on 27 January 2025 agreed format and regularity of meetings. May/June proposed to allow for timely reporting of annual statistics. Attendance agreed for this committee at the 5 June 2025 meeting.
Development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Harrogate.	At Mid Cycle Briefing on 23 January 2025.	Member briefing scheduled for 23 April 2025 to include information on Town Investment Plans and Neighbourhood Plans.
Update on gritting and response to severe weather events.	At Mid Cycle Briefing on 23 January 2025, and through communication with members.	Proposed for consideration at the 22 April 2025 meeting of the Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee (to be confirmed). Members to be kept informed of proposed agenda items relating to this event.
Resilience and Emergencies update.	At Mid Cycle Briefing on 23 January 2025.	Informal session took place on 6 March 2025.
Development of the Harrogate Care and Support Hub (report to Executive, 7 January 2025)	At Mid Cycle Briefing on 23 January 2025.	Member briefings currently being arranged throughout the course of the project – dates to follow.

2. ITEMS FOR FORTHCOMING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Thursday 25 March 2025, 10:00, Harrogate Civic Centre

Item	Contact Officer	Notes
Harrogate and Knaresborough Youth Councils	Chloe Thwaites (Youth Voice and Creative Engagement Officer)	Mutual update on projects and activities, and opportunity to comment on other relevant agenda items.
CYPS – Schools Performance Update	Jon Holden (Strategic Planning Manager)	To receive an update on the performance of schools in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area.
Local Nature Recovery Strategy	Tim Johns (Economy and Transport Officer)	Update on the LNRS – deferred from September 2024 meeting.
Work Programme Update (standing item)	Edward Maxwell (Senior Democratic Services Officer)	Updated version of the committee’s work programme for information, including summary of working group activity and informal sessions.
Growing Up in North Yorkshire Survey Results	Clare Barrowman (Senior Education Adviser)	Results of survey added to agenda as information only item. Questions can be passed on to officers who will respond in writing.
Resilience and Emergencies Update	Matt Robinson (Head of Resilience and Emergencies)	Informal session took place on 6 March, report included for transparency.

Thursday 5 June 2025, 10:00, Harrogate Civic Centre (2025 – 2026 Civic Year).

Item	Contact Officer	Notes
Attendance of Tom Gordon MP	Edward Maxwell (Senior Democratic Services Officer)	To receive updates from the MP for the Harrogate and Knaresborough area.
Local Community Safety Update	Julia Stack (Community Safety and CCTV Manager) and NYP	Update on Community Safety & CCTV, and crime statistics and issues relating to community policing.
Stronger Communities Update	Liz Meade (Communities Area Manager – Central)	Update on the Stronger Communities Programme and work undertaken in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area.
Work Programme Update (standing item)	Edward Maxwell (Senior Democratic Services Officer)	Updated version of the committee's work programme for information, including summary of working group activity and informal sessions.

Thursday 25 September 2025, 10:00, Harrogate Civic Centre.

Item	Contact Officer	Notes
Mayor David Skaith (Mayor, York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority)	Suzanne Wilkinson (Exec Assistant to the Mayor)	Mayor Skaith to attend to discuss the role of the MCA, economic development, and projects in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area.
Work Programme Update (standing item)	Edward Maxwell (Senior Democratic Services Officer)	Updated version of the committee's work programme for information, including summary of working group activity and informal sessions.

3. FUTURE ITEMS OF WORK

Item	Contact Officer	Notes	Proposed Activity	Proposed Date
Harrogate Station Gateway Scheme Update	Richard Binks (Head of Major Projects and Infrastructure)	Update on progress of scheme delivery.	Area Committee agenda item or Station Gateway Working Group session	As required (scheme update meeting last took place in February 2025).
Resilience and Emergencies Briefing	Matt Robinson (Head of Resilience and Emergencies)	To receive an update on measures taken to prepare for, and respond to, emergencies in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area.	Area Committee agenda item (annual update last taken informally in March 2025)	June 2026
Stroke Pathway Performance Update	Gemma O'Neil (Humber and North Yorkshire ICB)	Stroke Pathway performance update, implemented in December 2024, added following November 2024 meeting.	Area Committee agenda item	Late 2025
Air Quality in Harrogate	Dr Kevin Carr (Divisional Officer, Scientific)	Members to receive copies of the Council's Air Status Report annually (added following resident's query in December 2024).	Area Committee agenda item	Late 2025
Stronger Communities	Liz Meade (Communities Area Manager – Central)	Annual update on the work of the localities service.	Area Committee agenda item	
Active Travel and Cycle Schemes	Melisa Burnham (Highways Area Manager)	To review the provision of cycling schemes in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area, with an invitation to Cllr Duncan as Cycling Champion.	Area Committee agenda item or member briefing	
Update from Harrogate BID		Harrogate BID to be invited to an AC meeting to express its views incorporating how best to support small businesses.	Area Committee agenda item	
Update on Beyond Carbon		A briefing on how this impacts the Harrogate and Knaresborough constituency area.	Member briefing	

4. WORKING GROUP ACTIVITY

Harrogate Station Gateway Working Group	
Membership a) Cllr Chris Aldred (Working Group Chair) b) Cllr Hannah Gostlow c) Cllr Sam Gibbs d) Cllr Paul Haslam e) Cllr Robert Windass	Working Group Meetings <i>(future meetings in italics)</i> 2024 – 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 July 2024 – Scheme update • 4 November 2024 – Scheme update • 21 February 2025 – Scheme update
Community and Voluntary Sector Working Group	
Membership a) Cllr Peter Lacey (Working Group Chair) b) Cllr Sam Gibbs c) Cllr Chris Aldred d) Cllr Michael Harrison e) Cllr Monica Slater	Working Group Meetings <i>(future meetings in italics)</i> 2024 – 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 July 2024 – Establishment of Community Anchor Organisations • 18 November 2024 – Harrogate and District Community Action
Climate Change Working Group <i>(formerly the Climate Change Working Group and the Water Quality Working Group, merged in September 2024)</i>	
Membership a) Cllr Paul Haslam (Working Group Chair) b) Cllr Hannah Gostlow c) Cllr Andrew Timothy d) <i>Vacant</i> e) <i>Vacant</i>	Working Group Meetings <i>(future meetings in italics)</i> 2024 – 25 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 January 2025 – Water Quality of the River Nidd

5. RECORD OF INFORMAL AND VIRTUAL AREA COMMITTEE SESSIONS *(future sessions in italics)*

- a) 23 April 2024 – SFED
- b) 15 July 2024 – SFED and Work Programming
- c) 25 July 2024 – Mid Cycle Briefing (for 12 September 2024 meeting)
- d) 11 October 2024 – Let’s Talk Waste Consultation Feedback Session
- e) 23 October 2024 – Mid Cycle Briefing (for 28 November 2024 meeting)
- f) 11 December 2024 – Active Travel Scheme Update
- g) 10 January 2025 – Budget Session
- h) 15 January 2025 – Let’s Talk Active Consultation Feedback Session
- i) 23 January 2025 – Mid Cycle Briefing (for 20 March 2025)
- j) 27 January 2025 – Let’s Talk Active – Consultation Feedback Session
- k) 6 March 2025 – Resilience and Emergencies Update

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Background

At the meeting of the Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Committee on 28 November 2024, members resolved to request a public information campaign to educate drivers on the risk of speeding ([Minute 94](#)).

Response from Network Strategy

In the context of the proposal, voted on, to explore a public information campaign aimed at local drivers, highlighting the risks of speeding, particularly around areas such as schools and high pedestrian traffic areas, Fiona Ancell (Team Leader, Safety and Travel Awareness) has raised this with the York and North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership (RSP) Coordinator and we're happy to keep you updated on this and what actions may or may not be generated as a result. For completeness though, it is worth noting that NYC and the wider RSP are already active in terms of road safety generally, including around the school environs, the details of which are set out below:

Road Safety Education, Training and Publicity

The York and North Yorkshire road safety Partnership targets drivers through countywide media campaigns to support enforcement and raise awareness of speed limits and the effects of speeding. It also arranges pop up engagement events to promote road safety with a focus on speed and attends public event such as the Yorkshire show. Speeding, i.e. exceeding the speed limit or driving too fast for the conditions is just one of a range of themes, which the RSP focuses on. Specific speed campaigns will start countywide in April, in line with the National Police Chiefs' Council and National Fire Chiefs' Council campaign calendars.

Road Safety Enforcement

The Safety Camera Vans (SCV) are very active in the Harrogate and Knaresborough area. In 2024, the vans made over 1,400 visits to the Harrogate and Knaresborough area, total over 1,500 hours and processed over 2,440 offences. The SCVs also attend events in the area such as Tractor Fest at Newby Hall, Ripon Farm Services Show and the Great Yorkshire Show.

Road Safety Engineering

In relation to speed outside schools, North Yorkshire Council is in the process of assessing all 400 education sites in the county, including schools, nurseries, and colleges, starting with those where speeds outside are the highest. The council has adopted a presumption in favour of lowering speed limits in these locations.

In addition, with regard to Harrogate and Knaresborough, Members will already be aware that following receipt of a petition in June 2023 requesting a maximum

speed limit of 20mph on a number of roads in the South and West of Harrogate, officers carried out a review of the area and the proposals. They have previously advised Members of the area proposed to implement a 20mph speed limit and this process is ongoing through the Traffic Regulation Order procedure. The proposal is designed to improve road safety and provide wider Place, environmental and health and wellbeing benefits.

More widely, NYC is in the process of preparing to carry out a planned programme of speed limit reviews across the whole road network in the coming months and years, which will be underpinned by a Speed Management Strategy. The aim of the SMS is to provide a safer road network and environment for all road users by applying a consistent approach countywide in setting out how speed should be managed on the roads in North Yorkshire. Alongside reducing road casualty risk, the aim of the reviews is to improve the sense of Place and help create the conditions for increased use of active modes, such as walking and cycling. In so doing, the Strategy will inform and be informed by existing measures NYC and its partners undertake with respect to road safety:

- **Education:** using road casualty statistics and working with our road safety partners on attitude and behavioural change programmes for different road user groups
- **Engineering:** collision investigation and analysis, including cluster site and route analysis and fatal collision investigation, as well as initiatives such as the Temporary VAS Protocol and 20mph Speed Limit and Zone Policy
- **Enforcement:** Support for North Yorkshire Police on their core activity

With a focus on being evidence-based and data led, the principles on which the proposed speed limit reviews and the underpinning SMS are based on, include seeking to ensure local communities and their elected representatives are at the heart of local decision-making process and being more responsive to their needs.

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Growing Up in Harrogate

A summary of the Growing Up in North Yorkshire survey 2022

Introduction from Stuart Carlton

Corporate Director - Children & Young People's Service

“ Nearly a quarter of the way through this century, I am delighted that over 15,000 children have again participated in our biennial ‘Growing Up in North Yorkshire’ survey 2022. We now have over a decade’s worth of data on what really matters to the children and young people in our county and it is more important than ever that they know we are listening to them and acting on their opinions, experiences and needs. Our council’s ‘Being Young in North Yorkshire’ strategy and vision stating that “*All children and young people are safe, happy, healthy and able to achieve in North Yorkshire*” is as true today as when it was first envisaged in 2021. The survey therefore provides us with that all-important insight into the lives of children and young people and is used by an array of professionals to focus support where it is needed the most in order to reduce health inequalities and maximise the health and wellbeing of the next generation in our society.”

Collecting the figures

Teachers were briefed on how to collect the most reliable data and then pupils anonymously completed the questionnaire (online or paper). The sample sizes are shown in the table below.

Completed paper questionnaires were returned to SHEU in Exeter for processing. However, the majority of the schools conducted the survey online. Where figures are also given in a chart, they are shown in bold.

All schools who took part have received their own individual school report.

Comparisons

Comparisons have been made between the figures from this district and from North Yorkshire as a whole. The North Yorkshire findings are given in brackets following the district figures, and a table summarising the most important significant findings is shown on page 15.

Trends

This study follows similar studies in 2022, 2020, 2018, 2014, 2012, 2010, 2008 and 2006. Where changes can be seen in the figures from the district in 2022, these are noted on page 14.

This report should be read alongside the summary report for the whole North Yorkshire data set, which includes a number of important additional pieces of analysis. The **Equalities Monitoring** analysis is appended to this report.

This report is based on the responses of 14,934 pupils

	Harrogate				North Yorkshire			
	Year 2	Year 6	Year 8	Year 10	Year 2	Year 6	Year 8	Year 10
Males	475	463	381	375	1768	1895	1779	1655
Females	480	540	373	375	1729	1889	1692	1517
Total*	956	1033	776	771	3504	3902	3569	3252

*Some pupils didn't give us their gender, so the totals may be greater than the sum of males and females.

This report is No. 3 of 7

1. Craven
2. Hambleton
- 3. Harrogate**
4. Richmondshire
5. Ryedale
6. Scarborough
7. Selby



Our priorities:

- ❑ Though some improvements have been seen in children and young people's **resilience and emotional wellbeing** this is not consistent between genders, the older age groups and social identity groups, therefore it needs to continue as a priority.
- ❑ Respond to the emerging data about young people not always seeking out either a **trusted adult or service** for support and information about things that may be worrying them
- ❑ Continue to respond to **online safety risks** including a focus on primary-aged pupils who have unsupervised access to technology / TVs in their room after they have gone to bed and who communicate online with people they don't know.
- ❑ Promote a **healthy bedtime routine** for children and young people, including information on the correct amount of sleep for their age and promoting technology-free bedrooms.
- ❑ Though some improvements have been seen in supporting and encouraging a healthy lifestyle and positive body image there needs to be a continued focus on **hand washing, oral health, healthy eating** (especially for secondary school pupils), the gender imbalance in relation to **physical activity**, and ensuring all pupils have access to **swimming**.
- ❑ Continue to respond to the number of children and young people using **vapes** and the emerging data around snus and cali pens
- ❑ Continue to support all schools to implement an effective and well planned **PSHE curriculum** but with a focus on the secondary curriculum
- ❑ Continue to support schools and partners to reduce **bullying and prejudice-based incidents** in schools and the wider community through developing effective inclusive practice including a focus on identified groups of young people who continue to have more negative outcomes against a wide range of indicators.

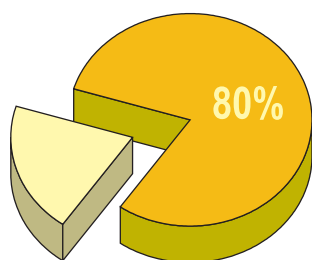
Weight/body image	Y2 boys	Y2 girls	Y6 boys	Y6 girls	Y8&10 boys	Y8&10 girls
I worry about the way I look 'most days'	22%	21%				
I worry about the way I look 'quite' or 'very often'			20%	35%		
I worry about the way I look 'often' or 'all of the time'					22%	57%
RSHE	Y2	Y6	Y8&10			
I have had school lessons on friendships	88%					
I have found school lessons about healthy friendships and relationships 'quite' or 'very' useful		60%				
I have found school/college lessons about relationships and sex education 'quite' or 'very' useful					28%	
I have found school lessons about consent 'quite' or 'very' useful		49%				
I have found school/college lessons about consent 'quite' or 'very' useful					51%	
Feeling safe and happy	Y2	Y6	Y8&10			
I 'always' feel happy at school	48%					
I 'mostly' or 'always' feel safe at school		89%				
I 'usually' or 'always' feel safe at school/college					71%	
I 'always' feel happy at home	68%					
I 'mostly' or 'always' feel safe at home		96%				
I 'usually' or 'always' feel safe at home					95%	
Online safety	Y2	Y6	Y8&10			
I have had lessons at school about keeping safe online	92%					
I have found school lessons about keeping safe online 'quite' or 'very' useful		77%				
I have found school/college lessons about keeping safe online 'quite' or 'very' useful					55%	
Worries	Y2	Y6	Y8&10			
I worry about at least one of the issues listed on 'most days'	64%					
I worry about at least one of the issues listed 'quite' or 'very' often		82%				
I worry about at least one of the issues listed 'often' or 'all of the time'					69%	

Primary school pupils in Year 2 in Harrogate (aged 6 - 7 years)

Bold type indicates use of a table or chart.

BEING HEALTHY

- When asked about what they had to eat on the morning of the survey, 89% (88%) of pupils said they had something to eat at home, 4% (5%) said they had something to eat at school.
- 56% (54%) of pupils said they eat fresh fruit on 'most days'. 3% (3%) of pupils said they 'never' eat fresh fruit.
- 49% (46%) of pupils said they eat vegetables on 'most days'. 8% (10%) of pupils said they 'never' eat vegetables.
- 75% (72%) 'always' wash their hands after visiting the toilet.
- 80% (78%) cleaned their teeth at least twice on the day before the survey.**
- 89% (88%) have been to a dentist.

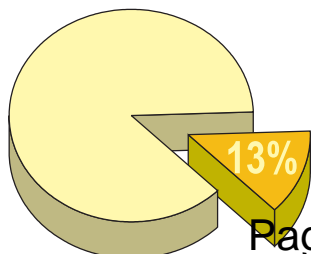


BEDTIME

- 74% (74%) of pupils responded that they have a set bedtime for nights when it's school the next day. 30% (29%) of pupils responded that someone usually reads them a bedtime story.
- 33% (43%) of pupils responded that they have a TV in their bedroom. 18% (23%) of pupils responded that they are allowed to watch TV after they have gone to bed.
- 20% (25%) of pupils responded that they are allowed to use a computer, tablet or phone after they have gone to bed.

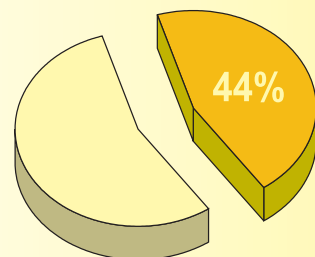
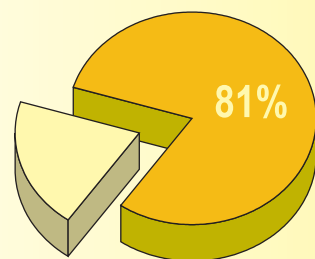
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

- 46% (49%) of boys and 34% (37%) of girls said they find physical activity and sports easy.
- 83% (78%) of pupils said they have been to swimming lessons, while 14% (19%) said they haven't.
- 49% (49%) of pupils said they normally walk most of the way to school, **while 13% (15%) said they cycle.**

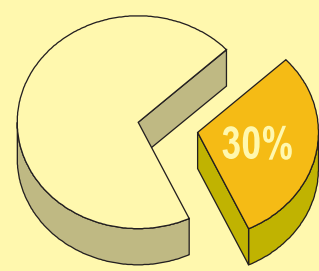


SAFETY

- 81% (80%) of pupils said they always keep themselves safe online.**
- 90% (89%) responded that they use a computer, tablet or mobile device to go online/use the internet.
- 58% (58%) said an adult always knows what they are watching on YouTube/videos and 64% (63%) said an adult always know what games they are playing.
- 49% (47%) of pupils responded that they 'always' wear a helmet when using a bike, scooter, skates or skateboard, while 16% (16%) said they 'never' do.
- 75% (77%) 'always' feel safe at school. 85% (86%) 'always' feel safe at home.
- 44% (42%) feel scared to be at school because of other children at least sometimes,** while 22% (22%) feel scared to travel to school because of other children at least sometimes.



KEY



30% = District figure (29%) = N Yorks figure

30% (29%) of pupils responded that someone usually reads them a bedtime story; 33% (31%) said someone does 'sometimes'.

Bold figure for District shown in chart

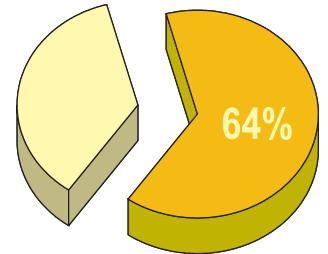
Primary school pupils in Year 2 (aged 6 - 7 years)

EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

- We asked a question about worries. The percentages of pupils who say they worry 'most days' about different issues were:

	Boys	Girls
School-work	21% (22%)	17% (18%)
Being ill	25% (27%)	26% (27%)
Friendships	26% (26%)	26% (27%)
Family	38% (38%)	34% (35%)
The way you look	22% (20%)	21% (21%)

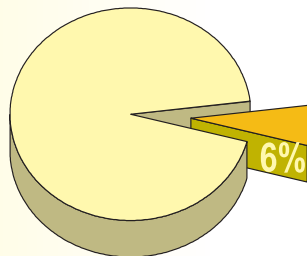
- 94% (95%) of pupils said they have an adult they can talk to if they have worries or are upset.
- 64% (64%) of pupils responded that they worry about at least one issue 'most days'.
- 48% (49%) of pupils responded that they 'always' feel happy at school and 68% (70%) 'always' feel happy at home.



Primary school pupils in Year 6 in Harrogate (aged 10 - 11 years)

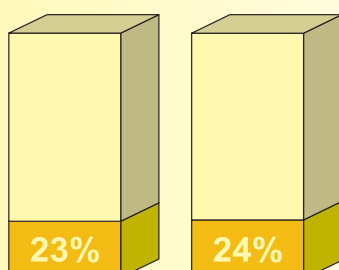
HEALTHY EATING

- 88% (85%) of pupils said they had something to eat at home before school on the morning of the survey, while 3% (4%) said they had something to eat at school.
- 6% (8%) had nothing to eat before school on the morning of the survey.
- 3% (4%) of pupils said they didn't have anything to eat on the morning of the survey because they don't like to eat in the mornings.



Five-a-day

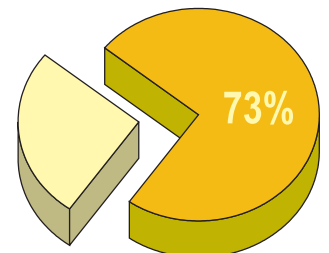
- 7% (11%) of boys and 4% (5%) of girls responded that they didn't eat any portions of fruit or vegetables on the day before the survey.



- 23% (24%) of boys and 24% (25%) of girls responded that they ate at least 5 portions of fruit or vegetables on the day before the survey. Page 70

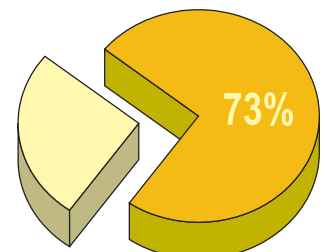
School food

- 34% (34%) of pupils said they normally have school dinners.
- 73% (74%) of pupils think school food has healthy options, while 4% (4%) think it doesn't.



Water

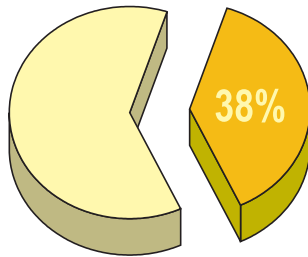
- 97% (97%) of pupils responded that they can get water at school, while 1% (1%) said 'they can't'.
- 73% (73%) of pupils responded that they have found school lessons about healthy eating 'quite' or 'very' useful, while 4% (4%) have found them 'not at all' useful and 4% (3%) couldn't remember having any.



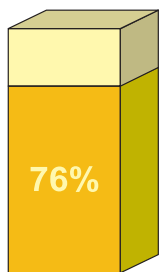
Primary school pupils in Year 6 (aged 10 - 11 years)

EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

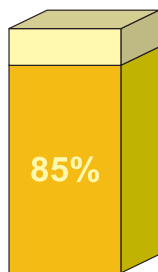
- 38% (39%) of pupils responded that they 'quite' or 'very' often worry about moving on to secondary school; 25% (29%) said they worry about SATs/tests.



- 82% (81%) of pupils [76% of boys and 85% of girls] said they worry about at least one of the problems listed in the questionnaire 'quite' or 'very' often.

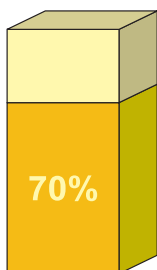


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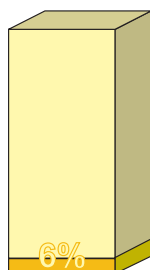


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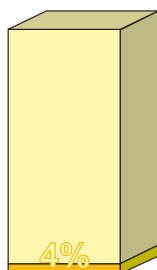
- 52% (48%) of pupils responded that they talk to someone when they have a problem or are feeling stressed.
- 70% (70%) of pupils responded that they have found school lessons about feelings, emotional health and wellbeing 'quite' or 'very' useful, while 6% (7%) have found them 'not at all useful' and 4% (5%) couldn't remember any.



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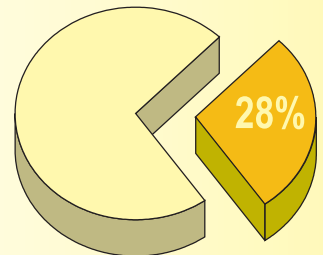
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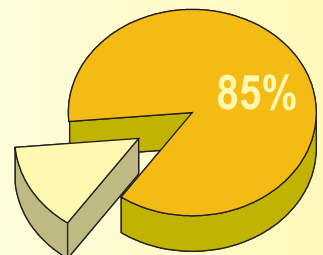
Resilience

- 72% (70%) of pupils responded that if at first they don't succeed, they 'usually' or 'always' keep on trying until they do, while 51% (50%) said they ask for help.
- We calculated an overall measure of resilience from a group of related items. 17% (20%) of pupils had a low measure of resilience (0 – 16), while 28% (26%) of pupils had a high measure of resilience (24+).
- 57% (56%) of pupils responded that when something goes wrong they 'usually' or 'always' learn from the experience for next time.

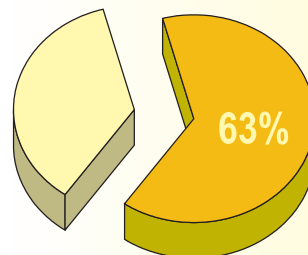


Puberty and growing up

- 85% (85%) of pupils responded that they feel they know enough about how their body changes as they get older, while 2% (2%) feel they don't know enough.
- 25% (26%) of pupils responded that they feel 'happy' about growing up and body changes, while 5% (6%) of pupils responded that they feel 'unhappy' about growing up and body changes.
- 20% (23%) of boys and 35% (39%) of girls reported that they worry at least 'quite often' about the way they look.



- 63% (63%) of pupils responded that they have found school lessons about growing up and body changes 'quite' or 'very' useful.

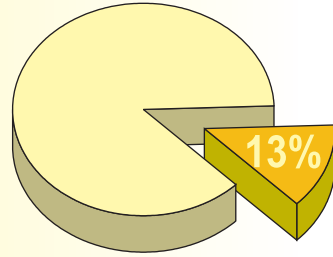


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DRUGS, ALCOHOL, SMOKING AND VAPING

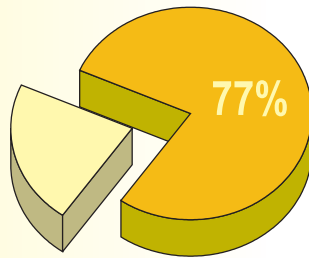
Drugs

- 13% (16%) of pupils responded that they are 'fairly sure' or 'certain' they know someone who uses drugs in the area where they live.
- 68% (68%) of pupils responded that they have found school lessons about medicines and drugs 'quite' or 'very' useful, while 7% (8%) have found them 'not at all useful' and 9% (9%) couldn't remember any.



Alcohol

- 77% (73%) of pupils reported that they never drink alcohol, while 7% (6%) said they don't drink it at home.
- 5% (7%) of boys and 2% (2%) of girls said they had an alcoholic drink in the 7 days before the survey.
- 63% (62%) of pupils responded that they have found school lessons about alcohol 'quite' or 'very' useful.

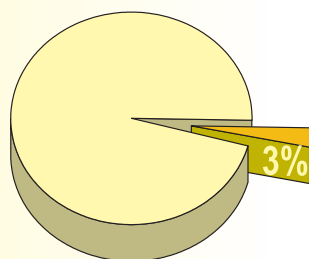


Smoking

- 1% (1%) of pupils responded that they have at least tried smoking.
- 0% (0%) of pupils responded that they smoked at least one cigarette in the 7 days before the survey.
- 67% (65%) of pupils responded that they have found school lessons about smoking 'quite' or 'very' useful.

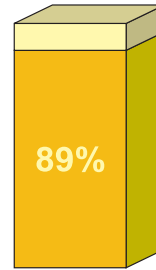
Vaping

- 3% (5%) of pupils responded that they have at least tried vapes or e-cigarettes.
- 2% (3%) of pupils think vaping is 'not at all' harmful to their health, while 12% (14%) think it is 'a little' harmful.

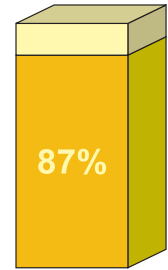


PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

- 89% (88%) of pupils agreed that they know how to get involved in different types of physical activity and sports.
- 89% (87%) of boys and 87% (86%) of girls said they at least 'sometimes' regularly take part in outdoor activities outside of school time.



Boys



Girls

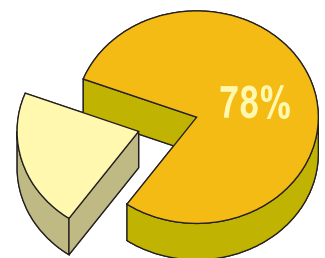
- 23% (23%) of pupils said they don't have enough spare time to be as involved as they would like in activities or sports outside of school.
- 77% (79%) of pupils responded that they have found school lessons about physical education 'quite' or very' useful, while 5% (4%) found them 'not at all useful'.

Sleeping Patterns

- 55% (56%) of pupils felt tired at school the day before the survey.
- 66% (63%) of pupils responded that they got at least eight hours sleep the night before the survey, while 4% (5%) of pupils responded that they got less than 6 hours sleep the night before the survey.
- 8% (8%) of pupils responded that they went to bed before 8pm on the day before the survey, while 19% (22%) said they didn't go to bed until 10pm or later.

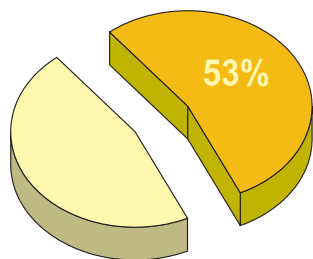
Swimming

- 78% (78%) of pupils said they can swim the full longest length of a swimming pool on their own, while 9% (10%) said they can't.



HEALTH AND HYGIENE

- 53% (54%) of pupils responded that they washed their hands before lunch on the day before the survey, while 13% (11%) said they are 'not sure' if they did.

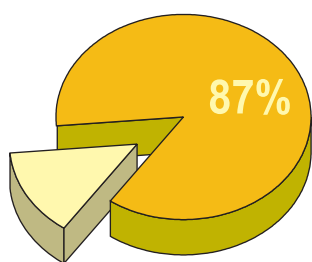


Dental health

- 97% (97%) of pupils responded that they have been to the dentist, while 2% (1%) said they are 'not sure' if they have.

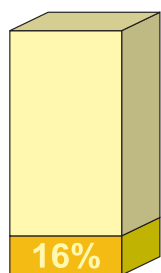
SAFETY

- 87% (85%) of pupils said they 'always' feel safe at home and 61% (59%) said they 'always' feel safe at school.

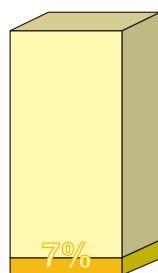


Internet safety

- 16% (15%) of boys and 7% (8%) of girls said they communicate with people they have met online and don't know in real life.



Boys

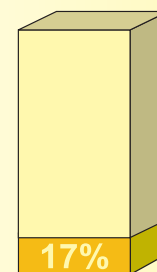
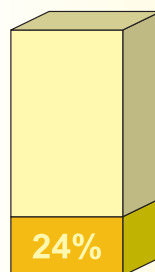


Girls

- 8% (12%) of pupils responded that they communicate with people online by posting things that lots of people can see and 13% (14%) said they communicate with people using picture/video sharing sites/apps.
- 5% (7%) of pupils responded that they have seen pictures, videos or games they found upsetting online; 46% (45%) said they have not experienced any of these things.
- 25% (28%) of pupils responded that they are 'never' supervised and their device doesn't have a filter system when using the internet at home.

Bullying

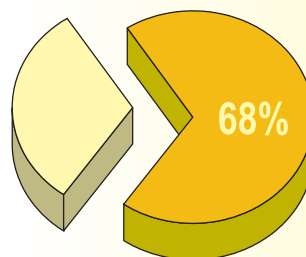
- 23% (26%) of boys and 34% (39%) of girls responded that they at least 'sometimes' feel afraid of going to school because they may be bullied.
- 22% (23%) of pupils said that they were bullied at or near school in the 12 months before the survey, while 3% (4%) said that they bullied another pupil in the same period.
- 24% (25%) of pupils responded that they were teased/made fun of in the month before the survey, while 17% (21%) said they had been called nasty names and 11% (13%) said they had been called 'gay'.
- 22% (24%) of pupils responded that they



were pushed/hit for no reason in the month before the survey, while 9% (9%) said they had belongings taken/broken.

- 7% (8%) of pupils responded that they think they have been 'picked on' or bullied at or near school because of the way they look, while 6% (7%) think it was because of their size or weight.
- 68% (67%) of pupils responded that they think their school takes bullying seriously, while 9% (11%) think it doesn't take it seriously.

- 9% (8%) said that bullying is not a problem in their school.



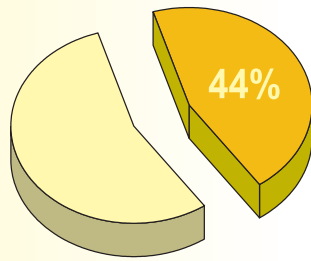
- 63% (62%) of pupils responded that they have found school lessons about bullying 'quite' or 'very' useful, while 11% (15%) have

found them 'not at all useful' and 7% (6%) couldn't remember any.

PRIMARY

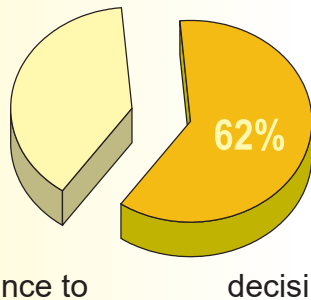
LEISURE

- 49% (40%) of pupils said they spent time reading a book for pleasure after school on the day before the survey, while 8% (8%) were 'not sure' if they did.



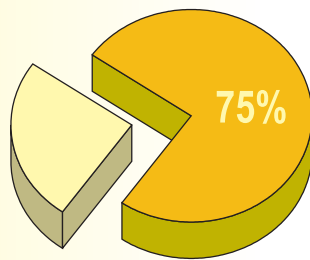
Pupils' voice

- 62% (63%) of pupils think their ideas and opinions are asked for in school.
- 49% (50%) of pupils responded that the opinions of young people make a difference to decisions in school.



BACKGROUND

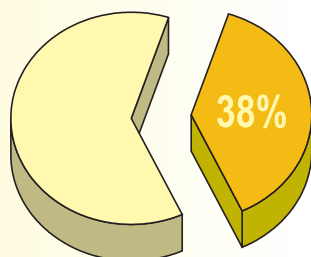
- 80% (86%) of pupils responded that they are White British.
- 75% (70%) of pupils responded that they live with their Mum and Dad together.
- 10% (14%) of pupils responded that they get free school meals, while 17% (15%) said they are 'not sure' if they do.
- 3% (5%) of pupils have a parent/carer in the armed forces.
- 1% (2%) say their parent or carer has been away on operations in the last 12 months.



The lifestyles of pupils from service families have been compared with those of the whole North Yorkshire primary sample on page 16.

SCHOOL

- 86% (83%) of pupils responded that they think it is important to go to school regularly.
- 38% (39%) responded that they 'quite' or 'very' often worry about moving on to secondary school.



Pupil Perceptions

A series of statements were offered to pupils about their school experience, in connection with the Every Child Matters outcome areas.

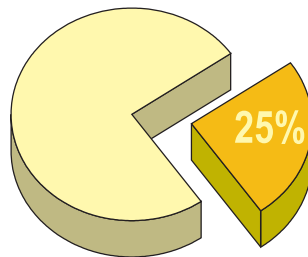
- The percentage of pupils responding 'yes' were:

	Boys	Girls
The school cares whether I'm happy or not	67%	70%
My work is marked so I can see how to improve it	79%	83%
Adults at school talk to me about how to improve my work	76%	74%
I know my next steps in learning and what I need to do to improve	65%	67%
My achievements in and out of school are recognised	58%	57%
The school teaches me to deal with my feelings positively	64%	63%
The school helps me work as part of a team	70%	72%
In this school, people with different backgrounds are valued	81%	78%
The school encourages everyone to take part in decisions	74%	77%
The school encourages me to contribute to community events	55%	53%
The school prepares me for when I leave this school	83%	85%
The school encourages everyone to treat each other with respect	90%	91%
My teachers realise when I don't understand	54%	48%
The school encourages me to attempt difficult work	78%	75%
The school tells me it's OK to make mistakes	83%	83%
I have the opportunity to develop leadership skills at school	64%	66%
My school encourages me to take care of the planet and help prevent climate change	76%	78%

Secondary school pupils in Years 8 & 10 in Harrogate (aged 12 - 13 and 14 - 15 years)

HEALTHY EATING

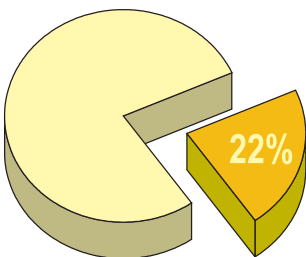
25% (26%) of pupils said they didn't have anything to eat before school/college on the morning of the survey.



7% (8%) of boys and 11% (11%) of girls said they didn't have anything to eat on the morning of the survey because they were in a rush/had no time, while 8% (9%) of boys and 21% (23%) of girls said they don't like to eat in the mornings.

6% (6%) of pupils responded that they didn't have anything to eat or drink for lunch on the day before the survey. 80% (80%) had a drink and 85% (86%) had something to eat.

22% (19%) of pupils had at least 5 portions of fruit or vegetables the day before the survey, while 11% (12%) had none at all.



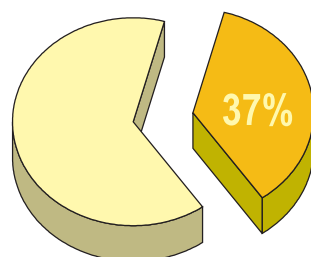
87% (85%) of pupils responded that they can get water at school/college, while 12% (13%) said 'not easily'.

49% (47%) of pupils found school lessons about healthy eating 'quite' or 'very' useful.

Diet

31% (32%) say they never worry about how much they eat; 11% (11%) of pupils responded that they are 'often on a diet, or at least being careful not to eat too much'.

37% (39%) of pupils said they have regularly made themselves sick, dieted to an extreme degree or done an unusual amount of exercise to lose weight at some point.



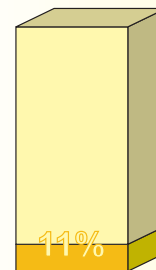
DRUGS, ALCOHOL, SMOKING AND VAPING

Drugs

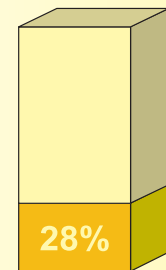
3% (3%) of Year 8 pupils and 14% (10%) of Year 10 pupils reported that they have taken drugs to get high. The most commonly taken drug in North Yorkshire was cannabis, and 13% (9%) of Year 10 pupils have ever taken it. The next most common drug type was Edibles, with 7% (5%) of Year 10 pupils ever having taken it.

Alcohol

11% (13%) of Year 8 pupils and 28% (30%) of Year 10 pupils responded that they had an alcoholic drink in the 7 days before the survey.



Year 8



Year 10

Smoking and Vaping

9% (9%) of Year 8 pupils and 21% (21%) of Year 10 pupils responded that they have smoked in the past or smoke now.

1% (2%) of pupils responded that they are an occasional/regular smoker and smoked in the 7 days before the survey.

8% (8%) of pupils said they have at least tried non-smoking tobacco (e.g. snus).

24% (25%) of Year 8 pupils and 42% (42%) of Year 10 pupils responded that they have at least tried vapes, e-cigarettes, or e-liquids, while 8% (7%) said they use one 'regularly' (at least once a week).

11% (9%) of pupils said they have at least tried CBD vapes (e.g. cali pen); 0% (0%) said they use them regularly (at least once a week).

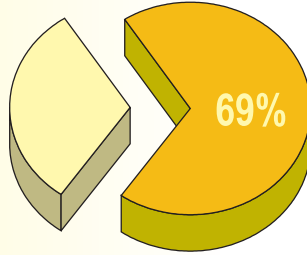
EMOTIONAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Worries

❑ The three most common worries were ('often' or 'all the time'):

Boys	Girls
Exams and tests 26%	The way you look 57%
The way you look 22%	Exams and tests 53%
School/college-work 19%	School/college-work 46%

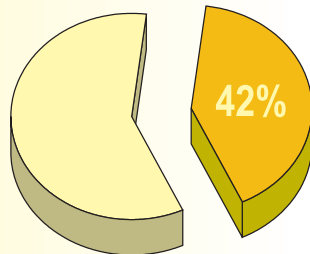
❑ 69% (69%) of pupils worry about at least one of the problems listed in the survey 'often' or 'all of the time'.



❑ When they have a problem or feel stressed 35% (35%) of pupils said they would talk to someone about it and 43% (39%) of pupils said they would think about it on their own. 10% (10%) of pupils responded that they cut or hurt themselves.

❑ 69% (69%) of pupils responded that they know an adult they trust who they can talk to if they are worried about something, while 19% (19%) said they 'maybe' do.

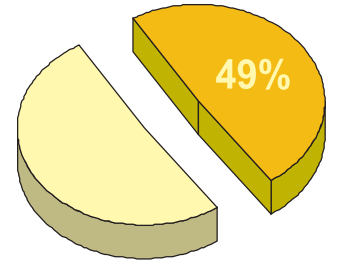
❑ 42% (45%) of pupils found their lessons about emotional and mental health and wellbeing 'quite' or 'very' useful.



Resilience and Wellbeing

❑ 47% (42%) of pupils responded that when something goes wrong they 'usually' or 'always' learn from it for next time; 36% (39%) said they get angry or upset and feel bad for ages.

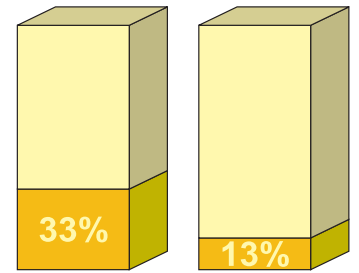
❑ 49% (48%) of pupils responded that if at first they don't succeed, they 'usually' or 'always' keep on trying until they do, while 34% (34%) ask for help and 20% (22%) give up.



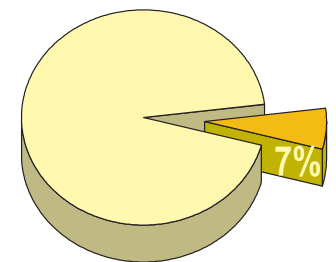
❑ We calculated an overall measure of resilience from a group of related items. 42% (44%) of pupils had a low measure of resilience (0 – 16).

❑ 12% (10%) of pupils had a high measure of resilience (24+).

❑ 23% (20%) of pupils [33% (28%) of boys and 13% (11%) of girls] scored a high or maximum score (28 – 35) on the Short Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Well-Being (SWEMWB) Scale.



❑ 7% (8%) of pupils scored low (7 – 13) on the Wellbeing Scale.

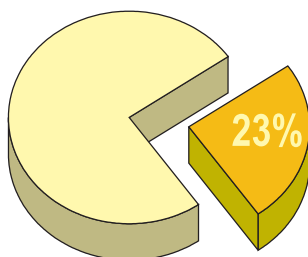


MAKING A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION (Pupils' Voice)

- ❑ 35% (33%) of pupils said they are asked for their ideas and opinions about what happens in their school; 23% (24%) said their opinions make a difference.
- ❑ 44% (43%) of pupils responded that they have had the chance to take part in supporting other students with their learning.
- ❑ 16% (16%) of pupils responded that they have had the chance to take part in being a member of an eco group or Fair Trade group.
- ❑ 10% (10%) of pupils responded that they have had the chance to take part in being a Wellbeing Champion
- ❑ 48% (46%) of pupils responded that they have had the chance to vote for School/College Council members and 13% (13%) said they have had the chance to take part in a mock general election.

SEXUAL HEALTH AND RELATIONSHIPS

- 7% (8%) of Year 8 pupils and 11% (14%) of Year 10 pupils said they 'know how to use' or 'have used' a sexual health service.
- 23% (23%) of Year 10+ pupils responded that they know where they can get condoms free of charge.**
- 28% (30%) of pupils found school lessons about relationships and sex education 'quite' or 'very' useful.
- 42% (43%) responded that they found school lessons about healthy relationships, including child sexual exploitation and grooming 'quite' or 'very' useful, while 18% (22%) said the same about different relationships e.g. lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans & non-binary.



Sexual relationships: Year 10 only

- 13% (15%) of Year 10 pupils responded that they are either in a sexual relationship or have had one in the past.
- If they have had sex, we wanted to know if they always used a method of protection or contraception: 40% (49%) said 'yes' and 13% (13%) were 'not sure'.
- The percentage of Year 10 pupils responding that they have experienced the following in a relationship with a boyfriend/girlfriend/partner:**

Year 10	Boys	Girls
Used hurtful or threatening language to me	9% (10%)	16% (19%)
Was angry or jealous when I wanted to spend time with friends	17% (17%)	24% (29%)
Kept checking my phone	11% (11%)	13% (17%)
Threatened to tell people things about me	7% (6%)	13% (14%)
Threatened to hit me	5% (6%)	7% (7%)

- 50% (50%) of Year 10 pupils responded that if any of the things listed happened to them, they would look after themselves without help. 53% (53%) responded that they would know where to get help.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

- 73% (73%) of pupils agreed that they would like to be more active than they currently are.

Sleeping patterns

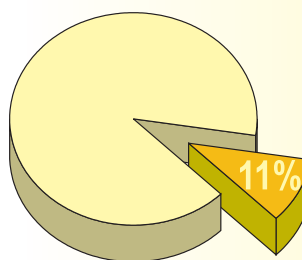
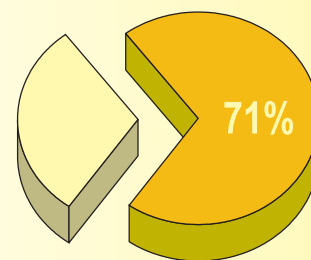
- 39% (39%) of pupils said they were asleep for at least '8-10 hours' the night before the survey; 13% (12%) of pupils said they were asleep for less than 6 hours the night before the survey,

Swimming

- 87% (83%) of pupils said they can swim the full longest length of a swimming pool on their own, while 5% (7%) said they can't.

BACKGROUND

- 76% (82%) of pupils describe themselves as White British.
- 71% (65%) of pupils responded that they live with their Mum and Dad together.**
- 9% (12%) of pupils have free school meals.



- 11% (11%) of pupils have a special educational need or learning difficulty.
- 11% (13%) of pupils have a disability or long-standing illness.**

Service families

- 4% (6%) of pupils report they have a parent/carer who is in the armed forces.
- 19% (23%) of pupils from service families say they worry 'quite a lot' or 'a lot' about their family member when they are away.
- The lifestyles of pupils from service families have been compared with those of the whole North Yorkshire secondary sample on p.17.

SECONDARY

ENJOYING AND ACHIEVING

- ❑ 29% (27%) of pupils responded that they enjoy 'most' or 'all' of their lessons at school/college.
- ❑ 38% (31%) of boys and 47% (39%) of girls responded that they want to continue in full-time education at the end of their course in Year 11
- ❑ 52% (44%) of pupils responded that they intend to apply for higher education in the future, while 40% (44%) said they are 'not sure' if they will.
- ❑ 23% (27%) of pupils responded that they have had enough information and guidance about their options after Year 11, including apprenticeships, while 36% (30%) said they haven't had enough information and guidance.

Homework

- ❑ 15% (16%) spent more than an hour doing homework on the day before the survey.

Leisure Time

- ❑ 91% (89%) responded that they had spent some time the night before the survey using social media.
- ❑ 96% (97%) watched some TV, films or streaming the previous night.
- ❑ 30% (31%) of boys and 34% (41%) of girls spent more than 3 hours watching TV, films, streaming the night before.
- ❑ 29% (28%) of boys and 39% (37%) of girls spent some time reading a book for pleasure the previous night.

Pupils' Perceptions

A series of statements were offered to pupils about their school/college experience.

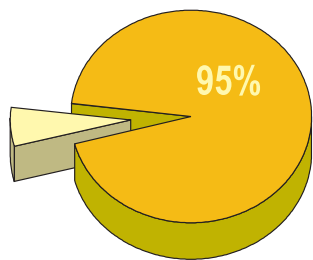
The percentage of pupils responding 'agree' were:

	Overall
The school/college cares whether I am happy or not	36% (37%)
My work is marked so I can see how to improve it	70% (68%)
Adults at school/college talk to me about how to improve my work	56% (56%)
I know my next steps in learning and what I need to do to improve	47% (44%)
My achievements in and out of school/college are recognised	33% (33%)
The school/college teaches me to deal with my feelings positively	32% (31%)
The school/college helps me work as part of a team	43% (40%)
In this school/college people with different backgrounds are valued	65% (64%)
The school/college encourages everyone to take part in decisions	59% (57%)
There are opportunities to discuss sensitive issues in class e.g. extremism	49% (46%)
The school/college encourages me to contribute to community events	40% (37%)
The school/college prepares me for when I leave this school/college	48% (52%)
The school/college encourages everyone to treat each other with respect	77% (75%)
My teachers realise when I don't understand	23% (23%)
The school/college encourages me to attempt difficult work	68% (65%)
The school/college tells me it's OK to make mistakes	57% (56%)
I am prepared to try something I am not used to or not so good at	50% (48%)
I have the opportunity to use things I have learnt in different situations	47% (45%)
Sometimes I have a choice of different ways to learn about something	38% (37%)
At school/college, I am encouraged to try different ways to do things	45% (42%)
I have the opportunity to develop leadership skills at school/college	46% (45%)
My school/college encourages me to take care of the planet and help prevent climate change	51% (49%)

- ❑ Young people who are from ethnic minorities and/or are worried about being different in culture or religion are over-represented among those who disagree that 'In this school/college people with different backgrounds are valued'.

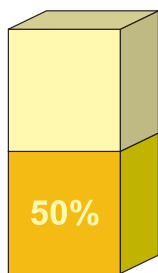
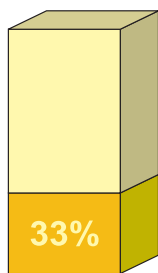
STAYING SAFE

- 95% (95%) of pupils responded that they 'usually' or 'always' feel safe at home and 71% (68%) said they 'usually' or 'always' feel safe at school/college.
- 11% (12%) of pupils responded that they have been the victim of violence or aggression in the area where they live in the 12 months before the survey.
- 6% (8%) of pupils said they have carried weapons when going out at least 'sometimes'.

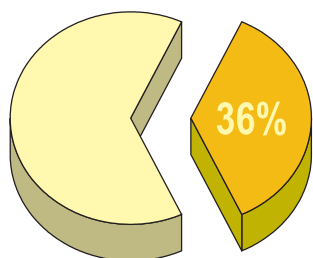


Bullying

- 24% (24%) of pupils said that they had been bullied at or near school/college in the last 12 months.
- 33% (30%) of pupils responded that they have been pushed/hit in the last month. Other common negative behaviours were being teased/made fun of 50% (47%), being called 'gay' as an insult, or 'dyke'/other homophobic words 24% (22%), and being called nasty names 35% (33%).

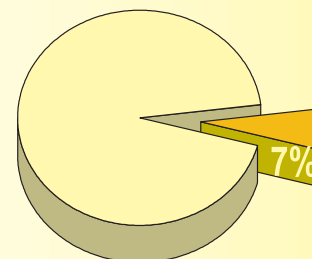
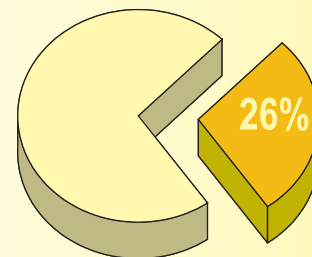


- 23% (23%) of pupils responded that they experienced negative behaviour outside at school/college (breaktime/lunchtime) in the month before the survey; 25% (22%) said they experienced such behaviour during lesson time.
- 36% (38%) of pupils responded that their school/college deals with bullying 'quite' or 'very' well.

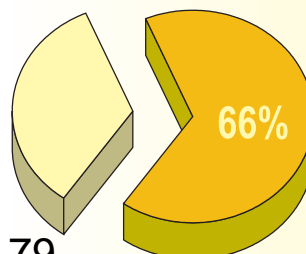
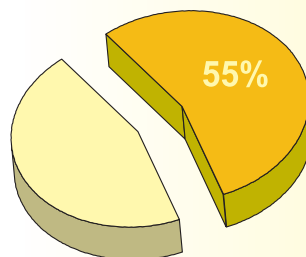


Internet safety

- 94% (95%) of pupils responded that they communicate with friends and family they know in real life online.
- 26% (24%) of pupils responded that they communicate with people they have met online and don't know in real life.
- 42% (42%) of pupils responded that they communicate with people through online games, while 47% (44%) said they do so through picture/videos sharing sites/apps.
- 12% (10%) of pupils responded that they have seen pictures, videos or games they found upsetting online.
- 21% (20%) of pupils said that they have experienced someone writing or showing things to hurt or upset them online (with text, pictures or video).
- 7% (6%) said that they have sent personal information or images to someone and afterwards wished they hadn't done or had thought more about it.
- 8% (8%) of pupils responded that they worry about feeling pressure from social media 'often' or 'all the time'.



- 55% (56%) of pupils responded that they found school lessons about keeping safe online 'quite' or 'very' useful



Changes in Harrogate since 2022

- ❑ With a large sample and many questions, there are many significant differences to be seen. We have listed just the largest and most important of them here.

Changes in Harrogate since 2022 - Year 2

Positive changes

Emerging data for consideration

- ❑ have found school lessons about smoking 'quite' or 'very' useful (52% in 2022 vs 67% in 2024)
 - ❑ have found school lessons about alcohol 'quite' or 'very' useful (50% in 2022 vs 63% in 2024)
 - ❑ 'always' feel safe at home (77% in 2022 vs 87% in 2024)
 - ❑ have found school lessons about growing up and body changes 'quite' or 'very' useful (53% in 2022 vs 63% in 2024)
 - ❑ are 'never' supervised and their device doesn't have a filter system when using the internet at home (32% in 2022 vs 25% in 2024)
 - ❑ can 'rarely' or 'never' say no when a friend wants them to do something they don't want to do (15% in 2022 vs 10% in 2024)
- ❑ 'always' wash their hands after visiting the toilet (82% in 2022 vs 75% in 2024)
 - ❑ like being at school 'most of the time' (61% in 2022 vs 54% in 2024)

Changes in Harrogate since 2022 - Year 6

Positive changes

Emerging data for consideration

- ❑ have found school lessons about smoking 'quite' or 'very' useful (52% in 2022 vs 67% in 2024)
 - ❑ have found school lessons about alcohol 'quite' or 'very' useful (50% in 2022 vs 63% in 2024)
 - ❑ 'always' feel safe at home (77% in 2022 vs 87% in 2024)
 - ❑ have found school lessons about growing up and body changes 'quite' or 'very' useful (53% in 2022 vs 63% in 2024)
 - ❑ are 'never' supervised and their device doesn't have a filter system when using the internet at home (32% in 2022 vs 25% in 2024)
 - ❑ can 'rarely' or 'never' say no when a friend wants them to do something they don't want to do (15% in 2022 vs 10% in 2024)
- ❑ washed their hands before lunch on the day before the survey (70% in 2022 vs 53% in 2024)
 - ❑ felt tired at school the day before the survey (45% in 2022 vs 55% in 2024)
 - ❑ ate at least 5 portions of fruit and vegetables on the day before the survey (29% in 2022 vs 24% in 2024)
 - ❑ have been bullied at or near school in the last 12 months (18% in 2022 vs 22% in 2024)
 - ❑ feel unhappy, embarrassed, or worried/nervous/scared about growing up and body changes (30% in 2022 vs 34% in 2024)

Changes in Harrogate since 2022 - Year 8/10

Positive changes

Emerging data for consideration

- ❑ worry about being different because of their culture or background 'often' or 'all of the time' (4% in 2022 vs 0% in 2024)
 - ❑ who have received 'nudes'/'semi-nudes' (35% in 2022 vs 22% in 2024)
 - ❑ had a high or maximum score (28 – 35) on the SWEMWB Scale (13% in 2022 vs 23% in 2024)
 - ❑ can get water at school/college (79% in 2022 vs 87% in 2024)
 - ❑ have at least 'often' been feeling optimistic about the future (30% in 2022 vs 38% in 2024)
 - ❑ have been approached by an adult online who wanted a sexual encounter or relationship (12% in 2022 vs 7% in 2024)
 - ❑ didn't have anything to eat or drink for lunch on the day before the survey (11% in 2022 vs 6% in 2024)
 - ❑ had an alcoholic drink in the 7 days before the survey (27% in 2022 vs 20% in 2024)
- ❑ have had the chance to vote for School/College Council members (58% in 2022 vs 48% in 2024)
 - ❑ have been excluded from school (5% in 2022 vs 8% in 2024)
 - ❑ have found school/college lessons about alcohol 'quite' or 'very' useful (53% in 2022 vs 48% in 2024)

Differences between Harrogate and the whole of North Yorkshire

This table lists the most significant differences between the pupils' responses in this district and those of pupils in North Yorkshire as a whole. There were more differences found than are listed here.

Harrogate	North Yorkshire	Year 2
18%	23%	are allowed to watch TV after they have gone to bed.
20%	25%	are allowed to use a computer, tablet or phone after they have gone to bed
Harrogate	North Yorkshire	Year 6
3%	5%	have at least tried vapes or e-cigarettes
70%	74%	have been thinking that lots of people care about them over the past couple of weeks
13%	16%	are 'fairly sure' or 'certain' they know someone who uses drugs in the area where they live
10%	13%	can 'rarely' or 'never' say no when a friend wants them to do something they don't want to do
30%	33%	at least 'sometimes' feel afraid of going to school because they may be bullied
2%	3%	who have been approached online by an adult who wanted a sexual encounter or relationship
Harrogate	North Yorkshire	Year 8 & Year 10
87%	83%	can swim the full longest length of a swimming pool on their own
47%	42%	said that when something goes wrong they 'usually' or 'always' learn from it for next time
85%	81%	enjoy taking part in physical activity and sports
6%	8%	who have at least 'sometimes' carried weapons when going out
71%	68%	usually' or 'always' feel safe at school/college
23%	20%	had a high or maximum score (28 – 35) on the SWEMWB Scale.
95%	93%	understand why physical activity and sports are good for them
78%	75%	at least 'sometimes' take part in outdoor activities outside of school/college time
12%	10%	had a high measure of resilience (24+)
36%	30%	<i>haven't had enough information and guidance about their options after Year 11</i>
9%	6%	<i>have taken drugs to get high</i>
27%	24%	<i>said not having enough spare time stops them from getting involved in sports and activities outside of school</i>
<p>□ Bold=positive finding, italic=emerging issue</p>		

Equality Monitoring in North Yorkshire 2024

Information is collected about social identities among pupils in North Yorkshire. We have done some analysis to see if the behaviours we see among young people in our county are different if they are to be found under one of the social identity headings shown in the table below. We show the results for Year 6/10 pupils in the tables that follow.

Percentages in each year from social identity groups	Year 6		Year 8		Year 10	
	%	Valid N	%	Valid N	%	Valid N
Ethnic minority	11.70%	3896	14.90%	3552	17.50%	3244
Minority religion	2.60%	3896	2.90%	3556	3.30%	3242
Young Carer	4.80%	3886	4.70%	3549	4.20%	3241
Children in care	0.40%	3897	0.50%	3549	0.30%	3238
Single-parent family	13.20%	3897	14.10%	3549	15.60%	3238
Special educational needs	11.20%	3880	10.80%	3559	12.00%	3240
Disability or long-term illness	12.50%	3892	12.60%	3555	12.40%	3246
Free school meals	14.20%	3889	12.40%	3548	10.60%	3230
Armed forces family	5.30%	3891	6.70%	3015	6.10%	2881

Year 6	All	Boy	Girl	Ethnic minority	Minority religion	Young carer	Children in care	Single parent family	SEN	Disability or long-term illness	Free school meals	Armed forces family
	Sample	3902	1895	1889	456	100	187	16	513	433	488	552
5+ portions of fruit and veg yesterday	24%	24%	25%	25%	27%	26%	13%	21%	20%	27%	20%	26%
Ever tried smoking cigarettes	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	0%	2%	3%	3%	2%	1%
Ever tried vaping	5%	6%	4%	7%	6%	13%	0%	9%	10%	7%	10%	9%
Drank alcohol last week	5%	7%	2%	6%	5%	10%	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%	8%
High wellbeing score (Stirling scale)	38%	44%	33%	36%	36%	30%	25%	31%	30%	34%	33%	30%
High resilience score	26%	29%	24%	26%	32%	20%	23%	22%	19%	23%	20%	19%
Low/med-low wellbeing score (Stirling scale)	15%	11%	18%	19%	13%	26%	50%	21%	25%	17%	22%	23%
Wellbeing score indicates poor mental wellbeing (Stirling scale)	8%	5%	9%	9%	5%	16%	17%	12%	13%	8%	12%	13%
Low resilience score	49%	44%	52%	48%	40%	59%	69%	56%	60%	51%	53%	59%
Bullied at or near school in the last year	23%	24%	21%	25%	24%	41%	38%	27%	32%	29%	33%	31%
Worry at least quite often about their health	16%	15%	16%	18%	21%	24%	25%	20%	23%	21%	23%	28%
Worry at least quite often about moving to secondary school	39%	30%	47%	41%	42%	47%	69%	45%	46%	44%	47%	42%
Have an adult confidant	81%	84%	80%	72%	78%	72%	94%	78%	74%	81%	78%	71%
The school encourages everyone to treat each other with respect	90%	89%	91%	87%	85%	81%	100%	88%	85%	89%	88%	82%
Adults at school talk to them about how to improve their work	75%	76%	74%	72%	74%	73%	80%	74%	71%	78%	76%	68%
Know their next steps in learning and what they need to do to improve	67%	68%	66%	64%	61%	59%	67%	64%	57%	68%	62%	62%
Asked for their ideas and opinions about what happens in school	63%	62%	64%	58%	67%	61%	73%	65%	59%	60%	61%	58%
Opinions of young people make a difference to decisions in school	50%	50%	49%	42%	38%	45%	40%	49%	45%	49%	47%	42%

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99% statistically significantly negative difference from all pupils for this age group

Equality Monitoring in North Yorkshire 2024

Year 10	All	Male	Female	Transgender	Ethnic minority	Minority religion	Young carer	Children in care	Single parent family	SEN	Disabled or long-standing illness	Free school meals	Armed forces family	LGB
Sample	3434	1736	1613	58	638	111	138	9	521	409	425	352	180	246
5+ portions of fruit and veg yesterday	19%	20%	17%	29%	22%	23%	17%	14%	13%	21%	21%	13%	16%	17%
Ever tried smoking cigarettes	21%	18%	23%	37%	22%	24%	35%	50%	32%	29%	26%	30%	28%	31%
Ever tried vaping	41%	37%	45%	50%	40%	38%	60%	63%	53%	46%	45%	52%	50%	50%
Drank alcohol last week	29%	29%	29%	47%	22%	23%	35%	38%	29%	32%	33%	27%	38%	33%
Ever taken drugs	10%	10%	10%	16%	11%	12%	18%	25%	14%	14%	13%	14%	17%	14%
High wellbeing score	19%	28%	9%	16%	20%	24%	14%	13%	14%	15%	17%	15%	21%	7%
High resilience score	10%	14%	6%	11%	14%	16%	9%	0%	8%	7%	9%	9%	8%	6%
Low wellbeing score	8%	4%	10%	33%	8%	8%	10%	38%	11%	13%	12%	11%	14%	17%
Low resilience score	44%	31%	56%	67%	37%	34%	47%	50%	51%	54%	46%	53%	49%	65%
Bullied at or near school/college in the last year	21%	19%	22%	62%	21%	18%	34%	50%	28%	39%	29%	32%	25%	44%
Worry about money	18%	14%	21%	40%	23%	20%	31%	25%	29%	21%	21%	35%	23%	35%
Worry about being different	11%	12%	11%	21%	19%	19%	19%	0%	14%	12%	14%	14%	11%	14%
Have an adult confidant	68%	72%	65%	46%	62%	64%	65%	63%	62%	61%	66%	62%	58%	57%
Sexually active	15%	15%	15%	20%	16%	13%	29%	50%	21%	20%	19%	22%	20%	17%
Know where to get free condoms	23%	27%	18%	22%	19%	22%	25%	50%	22%	26%	24%	26%	26%	21%
Enjoy at least half of school lessons	58%	62%	55%	63%	64%	61%	51%	33%	49%	51%	57%	55%	57%	58%
Intend FTE after Y11	42%	35%	49%	43%	51%	58%	39%	22%	38%	34%	42%	34%	28%	51%
Careers education lessons have been 'quite' or 'very' useful	41%	44%	39%	38%	47%	51%	40%	33%	34%	39%	42%	41%	42%	42%
The school encourages everyone to treat each other with respect	72%	75%	70%	67%	68%	61%	69%	56%	64%	62%	68%	67%	61%	67%
Adults at school talk to them about how to improve their work	58%	63%	53%	62%	61%	62%	59%	56%	55%	54%	53%	58%	48%	57%
Know their next steps in learning and what they need to do to improve	46%	52%	40%	43%	50%	54%	44%	44%	42%	40%	43%	41%	34%	41%
Opinions of young people make a difference to decisions in school/college	22%	22%	23%	21%	25%	20%	25%	13%	21%	25%	24%	23%	19%	22%
Can swim the full longest length of a swimming pool on their own	84%	84%	84%	78%	77%	72%	72%	75%	78%	81%	81%	71%	77%	82%
Know how to get involved in different types of physical activity outside school	75%	82%	69%	55%	71%	75%	61%	57%	70%	68%	72%	66%	74%	55%
Asked for their ideas and opinions about what happens in school/college	31%	33%	28%	33%	34%	36%	40%	25%	25%	33%	34%	30%	31%	32%

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statistically significantly positive difference from all pupils for this age group

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statistically significantly negative difference from all pupils for this age group

What next?

- ❑ This report will be disseminated to key partners and stakeholders.
- ❑ An action plan will be developed to work on the key priorities.
- ❑ Area reports will be available [here](#) along with County and Area reports from the 2022 survey

Support

The following section signposts to further supporting information for professionals, families and young people in North Yorkshire linked to the key areas identified within this report:

- ❑ North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NYSCP) [Website](#)
The purpose of NYSCP is to support and enable local organisations and agencies to work together in a system where children are safeguarded and their welfare promoted. The website has a range of supporting information for professionals, parents&carers and children and young people.
- ❑ [Be Aware website](#). An online knowledge hub set up and run by NYSCP in collaboration with young people, parents and carers, and professionals across North Yorkshire to help prevent and tackle child exploitation
- ❑ [Being Young in North Yorkshire](#) The North Yorkshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Strategy for children and young people living in North Yorkshire
- ❑ The [North Yorkshire Partnerships website](#) brings together a range of information for partners across the county including information on [Prevent](#)
- ❑ [North Yorkshire Healthy Schools Programme](#). A free health and wellbeing award for all schools and Early Years settings in North Yorkshire. The website provides links to a range of [resources](#) to support the themes of PSHE, emotional health and wellbeing, active lives and healthy food and [supporting services](#) in North Yorkshire along with supporting information for [parents / carers](#).
- ❑ School Improvement Team, North Yorkshire Council provide a range of networks and training to support the planned PSHE curriculum and safeguarding. Further details here: [NYES](#).
- ❑ North Yorkshire Youth Voice team work across the county to facilitate groups for young people and further details can be found here: [NY Voice: Be The Change | North Yorkshire Council](#)
- ❑ [Go-to-website for healthy minds](#) in North Yorkshire. Provides a range of information and signposting for professionals, parents & carers and young people on emotional and mental health
- ❑ [Solihull Parenting Programme](#) is freely available for all families who live in North Yorkshire . There are courses for parents of children of all ages
- ❑ North Yorkshire Police [website](#)
- ❑ North Yorkshire Sport [Website](#). We are looking at how Physical Literacy informed approaches, driven through true youth voice can improve PA and sport experiences. The aim being that CYP are receiving regular and broad opportunities to develop a personal relationship with Physical Activity.



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Harrogate and Knaresborough Area Committee

07 March 2025

Resilience and Emergencies Annual Update 2025

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides an update on progress and incidents impacting emergency planning and community resilience within the Area Constituency Committee and wider council area.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Under the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (CCA) North Yorkshire Council (NYC) is defined as a Category 1 organisation.

The CCA is the driver for how agencies prepare and plan for emergencies, working nationally, locally and co-operatively to ensure civil protection in the UK.

The Act places a statutory duty on the NYC to:

- Assess the risk of emergencies occurring and use this to inform contingency planning,
- Put in place emergency plans,
- Put in place Business Continuity Management arrangements,
- Put in place arrangements to make information available to the public about civil protection matters and maintain arrangements to warn, inform and advise the public in the event of an emergency,
- Share information with other local responders to enhance co-ordination,
- Co-operate with other local responders to enhance co-ordination and efficiency; and
- Provide advice and assistance to businesses and voluntary organisations about business continuity management (Local Authorities only).

Emergency Planning and Community Resilience should aim where possible to prevent emergencies occurring, and when they do occur, good planning should reduce, control or mitigate the effects of the emergency. It is a systematic and ongoing process which should evolve as lessons are learnt and circumstances change.

3.0 INCIDENTS AFFECTING NORTH YORKSHIRE BETWEEN 2023/2025

3.1 Between April 2023 and the production of this report NYC and its Local Resilience Forum partner agencies have come together to respond and recover from the following incidents:

Incident	Locality	Date
Thornton Steward Water Treatment Works	Richmond and Northallerton	09.05.23
999 emergency calls outage	UK wide	25.06.23
Protest, Scarborough	Scarborough and Whitby	15.06.23
Marine Residence Hotel Fire, Scarborough	Scarborough and Whitby	16.06.23
Diesel Spillage A65, Settle	Skipton and Ripon	25.06.23
Domiciliary Care Provider incident		02.09.23
Prime Minister Northallerton Residence Protest	Richmond and Northallerton	03.09.23
Mass die off of birds on coastal beaches	Scarborough and Whitby	18.09.23
Fire in Skipton	Skipton and Ripon	01.10.23
Storm Babet	North Yorkshire wide	18.10.23
Influenza A(H1N2)v case	Thirsk and Malton	
Storm Ciaran	North Yorkshire wide	01.11.23
Storm Debi	North Yorkshire wide	13.11.23
Storm Elin	North Yorkshire wide	09.12.23
Storm Fergus	North Yorkshire wide	10.12.23
Storm Gerrit	North Yorkshire wide	27.12.23
Storm Henk	North Yorkshire wide	02.01.24
Storm Isha	North Yorkshire wide	21.01.24
Storm Jocelyn	North Yorkshire wide	23.01.24
Storm Kathleen	North Yorkshire wide	06.04.24
Knaresborough flash floods	Harrogate and Knaresborough	06.05.24
Critical incident, Carlton in Cleveland	Richmond and Northallerton	22.05.24
Fire at Molson Coors Brewery Company, Tadcaster	Selby and Ainsty	13.06.24
Fire at The Princess Fish & Chips, Scarborough	Scarborough and Whitby	25.06.24
Prison capacity pressures	UK wide	15.07.24
Potential public disorder	UK wide	08.08.24
Fire at Grange Avenue, Scarborough	Scarborough and Whitby	23.08.24
Fire at King Street, Pateley Bridge	Skipton and Ripon	04.09.24
Fire at Hagg Farm, Hagg Lane, Cawood	Selby and Ainsty	19.10.24
Fire at Allerton Grange Farm, Allerton Park	Harrogate and Knaresborough	22.10.24
Storm Bert	North Yorkshire wide	22.11.24
Storm Darragh	North Yorkshire wide	06.12.25
Amber Snow Warning	North Yorkshire wide	03.01.25
Avian Influenza Outbreak	North Yorkshire wide	22.01.25
Storm Eowyn	North Yorkshire wide	24.01.25

3.2 Areas of good practice that will be further developed:

- Working in partnership with the Chain Lane Community Anchor Organisation during the Knaresborough flood incident to support local residents from the Local Assistant Centre.
- The further development of the NYC sandbag offer to allow for members of public to self serve from key sites.
- To embed a more resilience out of hours commander structure by having standby Bronze Commanders covering the East, West and Central Areas of the County.

3.3 If Elected Members have any views or recommendations on any of these incidents please send them through to emergency@northyorks.gov.uk.

4.0 NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL'S CORPORATE EMERGENCY PLANNING GROUP WORK PLAN AND PROGRESS 2024/25

4.1 The following is set out within the NYC Resilience and Emergencies Policy:

- The organisation has appointed the Assistant Chief Executive for Local Engagement as the Accountable Emergency Officer (AEO) responsible for Resilience and Emergencies.
- The Integrated Emergency Planning Cycle is co-ordinated for the Council by the Head of Resilience and Emergencies and the Resilience and Emergencies Team (RET).
- The Assistant Chief Executive for Local Engagement chairs the Corporate Resilience and Emergencies Group (CREG). The CREG is made up of a number of Senior Managers within NYC who have a role to play in ensuring CCA Duties. The CREG hold responsibility for setting and delivering an annual work plan.
- The current work plan and progress of the Corporate Emergency Planning Group is found at Appendix A.

5.0 ELECTED MEMBERS ROLE IN INTEGRATED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

5.1 Each Area Constituency Committee is allocated a Resilience and Emergencies Officer. They will work with Elected members to ensure:

- Elected members training,
- that local risks are identified within your locality,
- that community resilience has been developed,
- that resources and capability gaps are identified, as well as difficulties in communicating these risks to specific groups within your electoral division are co-ordinated.

5.2 Elected members are then asked to provide ongoing support to develop Integrated Emergency Management within their electoral divisions. This will include:

- Supporting the communication of community risks
- Provide leadership in developing community resilience.
- Work with the locality Resilience and Emergencies officers to identify opportunities for funding resource gaps.
- Support training and exercises for community groups.

5.3 If Elected Members wish to discuss any of these roles and responsibilities with their allocated Resilience and Emergencies Officer please contact emergency@northyorks.gov.uk.

6.0 COMMUNITY RESILIENCE WORK PLAN AND PROGRESS 2023/24

6.1 For decades the Resilience and Emergencies Team have worked with Parish and Town Councils alongside local businesses to encourage them to develop Community Emergency Plans.

6.2 Following the community support during the Covid pandemic, Resilience and Emergencies has been working with the Council's Local Engagement Teams and the Community Anchor Organisations to further develop its Community Resilience Policy.

This policy will be developed by April 2025 and the role out and engagement on the policy will be delivered through three Community Resilience workshops which will be run prior to April 2025.

Elected Members – Community Resilience Profile

- 6.3 Last year Elected Members were provided with the opportunity of accessing their own Community Resilience Profile.

These are owned and reviewed by the Resilience and Emergencies Team and Elected Members can access their profile, as well as discuss their developments, via their allocated Resilience and Emergencies Officer.

7.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report as it provides information only.

8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report as it provides information only.

9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no equalities implications arising directly from this report as it provides information only.

10.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS/BENEFITS INCLUDING CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 10.1 There are no equalities implications arising directly from this report as it provides information only.

11.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 11.1 The recommendations contained below are to engage with and invite comments from Members on the content of this report, which followings the agreement with Members' to provide an annual update.

12.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 12.1 Committee Members are requested to note the information within the report and offer comments.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A – Corporate Emergency Planning Group Work Plan 2024/2025

Background Documents: None

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Corporate Emergency Planning Group Work Plan 2024/2025

Corporate EP Group – Area of work	Comment
Locality response to incidents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronze Commander • Forward Liaison Officers • Integrated Emergency Management Groups • Share organisation learning • Locality training 	A priority for this year is to understand how the ongoing restructures affect the Council’s ability to anticipate, assess, prevent, prepare, respond and recover to emergencies. This involves building new networks of staff and where required develop new processes.
Operational Flood Plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandbag response – new BAU • NYC flood assets – before and during incidents • Community impact 	A priority for this year is to focus on how the Council approaches its flooding responsibilities before, during and after events.
Community Resilience (Humanitarian Assistance)	A priority for this year will be the continuation of community resilience and the integration within community partnerships. This will accumulate with three Community Resilience workshops in the new year.
Horizon Scanning of risk update for Management Board	To provide (twice yearly, quarterly) updates on the community risks within North Yorkshire.
Annual Exercise (November)	Going forward NYC will do one large internal exercise each November
2 x Bronze Commander Training	Going forward NYC will always offer 2 x Bronze Commander Training
2 x Service Silver Training	Going forward NYC will always offer 2 x Service Silver Training
Ongoing Silver Commander Training	Going forward NYC will always offer ongoing Silver Commander Training
Ongoing Incident Support Officer Training	Going forward NYC will always offer ongoing Incident Support Officer Training

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